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Community pays tribute to local man who died in holiday tragedy

WARM tributes have been paid to a man from Barry who died when a tourist boat he was on capsized off the South African coast during a trip to view local wildlife.

Peter Hyett, aged 64, was on holiday with his

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wife Suzanne, 63, and his daughter Helen, 37, who were both rescued.

The accident occurred in rough seas off the coast of Hout Bay on Saturday afternoon, October 13.

Initially, South African sea rescue serv-

ices managed to pick up 34 people, but Mr Hyett was one of two men who died. Two women were rescued after almost four hours underneath the hull of the capsized boat.

Mr Hyett was a member of the local Labour Party, and he and his wife had opened their garden up to the public for charity, as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, who knew Mr Hyett, said she would remember him for his kindness.

"This is desperately sad news and my heartfelt sympathies are with Mr Hyett's family.

"Peter Hyett was an exceptionally kind person and he will be greatly missed."

"SADDENED"
Local councillor, Anthony G Powell, a former Vale Mayor, said he had been deeply shocked and saddened at the news.

Coun Powell said: "My deepest sympathies are with Peter's wife and daughter at this tragic time. He was a loving husband and a loving father, and a valued member of the community.

"He was a well-respected and genuine person.

"When I heard his name on the news, I was shocked and saddened, and I'm still coming to terms with it."

Coun Claire Curtis, who also knew Mr Hyett, told The GEM: "I was driving into work when I heard Peter's name on the radio, and I

was shocked and upset.

"He was a quiet, caring gentleman.

"They should have been enjoying a dream holiday; and my thoughts are now with Sue and the family."

Coun Curtis added that Mr Hyett was a thoughtful man who inspired respect in other people.

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ABOVE:
Paul Cleaver more than doubled his fundraising target for Marie Curie.

Barry man's big 'thank you' to GEM readers...

A BARRY man, who rode from Land's End to John O'Groats to thank Marie Curie, Penarth, for the care staff provided for his father, has praised GEM readers for their generous sponsorship of his charity ride.

Paul Cleaver undertook the 1,000 mile journey earlier this year. His father Glynn had died in October, 2011.

Before his departure, Paul explained that with the support of family, friends and

work colleagues at Dow Corning, he had sponsorship of £1,865 and had set a target of £2,000.

After Paul told his story in The GEM, he received more donations from generous local people.

Paul said: "I want to thank The GEM and its readers for their support.

"I have more than doubled my £2,000 target and, as of last week, the total stands at £4,500!

"Thank you everyone for your help."

PENARTH BURGLARY

SOME items taken during a burglary in Penarth belonged to the daughter of the house, who had died- and police say they are very anxious to recover them.

The burglary took place at Plassey Street on Saturday, October 13, between 11am and 12.55pm. A number of items of jewellery were taken, including a platinum wedding ring, a gold Gucci watch, a locket of hair, and a sapphire and diamond engagement ring.

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LDP: 'Putting the record straight'

In response to recent articles and letters, I would like to assure residents that the Labour group in the Vale of Glamorgan are continuing with the process of drawing up a new draft Local Deposit Plan (LDP), to be put out for consultation to the public and interested parties, and a full announcement will be made in around two weeks' time.

It was clear that the plan put out by the Conservative council at the beginning of the year was flawed and not acceptable to the majority of residents. From speaking to people, the consultation process was inadequate – with most individuals not knowing about the existence of the plan and what building was being proposed on their doorstep.

Twisting logic from A to B...

THE Lib Dems in the UK Government wish to introduce a 'Mansion Tax' as one method to ensure that multi-millionaires contribute a more reasonable proportion of their wealth to the common purse.

The Tories, their partners in the Coalition, declare that they are eager that the rich should pay their 'fair share', and that they are 'not against' the Mansion Tax – but that the reason why they oppose its introduction is their fear that, once it has been set up, the tax might be extended to people who live in ordinary houses.

This is a very famous form of argument, known as the 'Slippery Slope Argument' ... when I declare that I am against A, not because I am against A, but because A might be turned to B.

The Ancient Greeks exposed the irrationality of the argument, and the motives behind it...

Anyone who is opposed to B, should fight against it, if ever

Also, anyone who attempted to feed back their opinion during the consultation was confronted by ridiculously-complicated forms and technical terminology.

Labour intend to produce a plan that has been properly thought through and goes out for full consultation with the residents of the Vale of Glamorgan, and I ask people to please be patient and not believe the scaremongering that has been in the press recently.

The LDP is a very important document that sets out the plans for the Vale for the next 15 years, not only for housing, but for industry and our infrastructure too – and we don't want to rush the process and get it wrong. Claire Curtis, Barry (Labour councillor for Dyfan ward)

someone, so far unstated, seeks to promote it. That cannot be an objection, at this time, to A.

Honest or intelligent people never use such an argument.

We are all in a position daily to observe the gross hypocrisy of the mental and emotional attitudes behind such arguments.

George Osborne parades his bogus sympathy for the shift worker, who should deeply resent, according to him, those people who recently were his working colleagues, but have since been made unemployed through no fault of their own.

Once you have been taken in by such blatant and shameless deceit, you may have lost the ability to think rationally.

CN Westerman, Brynna.

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Questions remain over council's LDP 'broken promise'

A RECENT article in The GEM showed how the Vale of Glamorgan Council had broken their promise on scrapping the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The VOGC cabinet minister responsible for planning denied that this was the case, but the evidence shown by the Freedom of Information request I made, clearly shows that they were only seeking to make 'focused changes' – rather than scrapping the LDP as per their promise in the Labour advert in The GEM back in April.

In defence, Coun Burnett said there had been discussions involving council officers and Assembly counterparts before the meeting in August between ministers, councillors and planners.

I do not accept this to be the case, because the FOI request published all communications from meetings, letter and emails on all planning matters

relating to the LDP over the last 12-month period.

I truly hope that I'm wrong in this assertion and that the VOGC were true to their promise. The only way to dispel the doubt would be to publish any papers that would demonstrate that the VOGC asked to scrap the LDP.

For the thousands of people who got together in community meetings to object to the LDP and who made representations regarding their serious concerns to the Vale Council, I have published the evidence I have uncovered on my website www.alun-cairns.co.uk for all to see.

Unless there is evidence to the contrary, people will feel let down and it will be difficult for the new administration to recover from this.

Alun Cairns
MP for the Vale of Glamorgan
(SEE MORE LETTERS ON THIS SUBJECT ON PAGE 29)

'Who will care for abandoned horses?'

TODAY (October 15) was a different Monday afternoon; I was coming out of school and I saw 17 horses on our school tennis court.

There are 13 adult horses and four foals. These horses were put there on Saturday evening in the loose field, until some kind villagers rounded them up and put them in the tennis court for safety.

They have gone without food or drink the whole of Sunday, although some other children gave them food and drink that evening.

As I live in Cowbridge, I didn't know about this until today, although if I did know earlier, I would have been down there in

a flash. I feel strongly that these horses don't deserve to live like that and they should have the right to be set free and live in a safe, caring environment.

What will happen to them if they continue to live like this?

I am really upset that this has happened as I am a big animal lover.

We don't live like this, so why should they?

Had it not been for the kind villagers and my teacher, they could have been in a bad accident, or could have even died.

Because they don't have a voice, we are their voice – so please let those animals be treated kindly and fairly.

The question is, who will help?
Ella Jones (aged 11), Cowbridge.

'Cars can kill'

YESTERDAY, I was merrily cycling up a road in Penarth, where there was only enough room for one vehicle to pass.

There were cars parked on both sides of the road, which was full of potholes, and I saw in my mirror (something that all bicycles should have, in my opinion) two cars coming up behind me.

They did not slow down and one came very close. I got a fright. The driver stopped and said that I wobbled in the road, that he was only going 20mph, and that I was "an idiot".

Surely, though, they should have slowed down and waited until it was safe to pass? I have been knocked off my bike already. We cyclists are human and if you bang into us, we bleed and break. We are not just bicycles that can be replaced easily. Please see us and take care.... **CARS KILL!**

Michael Batty (aged 59), Barry

Is Wales closed for business?

IN response to a letter in last week's GEM, headed 'What happened to those Vale jobs?' – all I can see from my point of view, is doors closing and nothing opening in Wales.

Perhaps the 'closed for business' sign needs to be hung on the Severn Bridge toll gate. Indeed, I would love to hear from the Welsh Government about where these so-called jobs are.

I listened to the First Minister quite clearly stating that there would be no compulsory redundancies in the Welsh NHS two years ago and I thought I was safe. Now, having been made compulsorily redundant from Cardiff and Vale NHS, like others I eagerly await the jobs coming to St Athan.

At least 250, quoted by Mrs Edwina Hart earlier this year (in The GEM) would be advertised by

July 2012. I maintain a vigil on the website to look for these promised jobs, and find there is not even a link working properly. (Similar to issues with the Matrix project).

We are now in October, and I would like to ask the Welsh Government – where are these jobs?

Was this yet another election promise that is not going to materialise?

What are the Welsh Government's plans for jobs in Wales? I have applied for many job vacancies and find that employers are not looking for staff at management level and apparently managers do not have the skills to pick and pack Christmas gifts.

I need a job, Mr Jones – otherwise, like many others, I will be forced out of my homeland to find work, because the Welsh Government seems only to talk about jobs and makes empty promises.

J Rogers, Llantwit Major

Credit goes to Chris!

AS residents of Ogmore-by-Sea, we are looking forward to our community bonfire and fireworks display on Saturday, November 3.

We are sure it will be as spectacular as the previous four years and would like to draw your attention to the efforts of the person who has almost single-handedly

organised the entire event. Proceeds of this event are distributed among local charities and organisations.

We would just like to give Chris Taylor the recognition and support he deserves for all the hard work he has devoted in his spare time after work for the enjoyment of our local communities.

Mrs JC Vincent-Smith, Ogmore-by-Sea

'ASSEMBLY MUST HAVE A STAKE IN THE AIRPORT'

CARDIFF Airport is facing tough times. Passenger numbers have slumped from two million to just over one million as airlines have pulled out.

At the same time, Bristol Airport is booming and now carries more passengers to and from Wales than Cardiff Airport.

Yet most people in south Wales would use Cardiff instead, if prices were more competitive and if there was a wider range of destinations.

What is obvious is that we cannot have a viable economy in south Wales without a fully functioning international airport.

It is clear to most observers that current owners Aberthys have had little interest in developing the airport.

They have stakes in almost 30 airports across the globe and Cardiff is very low down on their priorities.

A new business route

between Cardiff and Dusseldorf looks set to be announced and this is welcome; but the airport desperately needs to secure at least one popular low-cost tourist airline.

The main aim must be to see more city names up on the airport departure board by this time next year.

We need political leadership and that is why I support calls by the Leader of the Party of Wales, Leanne Wood, for the Welsh Government to take a stake in Cardiff Airport. It was publicly owned in the past and now is the time for action to save our airport.

We cannot allow Cardiff Airport to wither on the vine and must secure its future and restore the sense of pride that people in the Vale used to have in the facility.

Luke Nicholas (Plaid Cymru, the Party of Wales)

Parliamentary by-election candidate for Cardiff south & Penarth (including Sully and Llandough)

Council houses: 'Llantwit will not be missed out'

IN response to E Martin's letter in The GEM (October 11), I can advise that while there are no works in Llantwit Major in the first six-month phase of the programme, contractors will be on site from April 2013 in this area, and will continue to do so until the end of the refurbishment programme in April 2017.

One of the reasons why the council appointed four external contractors to undertake this programme of works, in addition to

our own building services department, was to spread the improvements across the entire Vale area and not just concentrated in one area.

Therefore, ALL communities across the Vale have some form of improvement works each year, based on the four contractual areas, and it is only fair that the improvements are spread around to as many tenants as possible over the four-and-a-half year programme. Simon Davies (WHQS Project Manager, Vale Council)

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
18 Thur	08.53	10.4	21.16	10.3
19 Fri	09.38	10.2	22.01	9.7
20 Sat	10.23	9.5	22.51	9.2
21 Sun	11.11	9.1	23.41	8.6
22 Mon			12.19	8.5
23 Tues	00.59	8.1	13.38	8.0
24 Wed	02.25	7.9	15.02	8.2
25 Thur	03.43	8.1	16.11	8.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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ARGUMENTS, AS PEOPLE JUMP QUEUE FOR BLOOD TESTS! 'STOP THE BUN-FIGHT AT THE HOSPITAL'S TICKET MACHINE!'

A BARRY resident has contacted The GEM to plead with the local hospital to change the way it operates its ticket machine system in the blood test clinic.

The man, who does not want to be named, claimed under current arrangements at Barry Hospital people were able to "cheat the queue".

The GEM reader explained: "There are some patients who take the tickets overnight and stroll

in ahead of the queue the next morning.

"To overcome this, the staff remove the tickets at night and replace them at 8.30am when the service begins."

The man told The GEM there was a flaw in this: "People start to queue at around 7.30am in order to get their blood test over with and get on with their day."

"By the time the tickets are put in place, there are usually 20 or so people waiting.

"Then the bun-fight begins for the tickets and arguments ensue. Consequently, nobody gets their proper place and they all end up as cheats."

"The simple solution is to replace the tickets when people start queuing."

The man did add: "Aside from this particular issue, Barry Hospital has a lovely atmosphere and the staff are great."

Another GEM reader said: "I was sitting in the section for X-rays, when there was screaming and

shouting because the tickets were becoming available. As I took mine, an elderly man grabbed my arm and said: 'Were you before me?'

"Why can't the staff just allow people to take their blood test in the order they report to the reception."

The GEM will publish a response from Cardiff and Vale NHS Trust next week.

TIM CHAPMAN

'Safety' is high on the agenda as Vale Council considers local carnival

The Vale Council is setting up meetings aimed at a revival of Barry Carnival – but stresses there are 'safety' considerations in planning such a huge event and that there is "a long way to go".

The last carnival made its way through the streets of Barry in 1993.

One local resident, Dean Snooks, began a campaign to bring back the floats and colourful procession through the town, believing it would inspire a 'feel-good' community atmosphere.

The Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore, praised Mr Snooks' enthusiasm and said if the event did get the green light he believed it would benefit

Report by TIM CHAPMAN

the Barry community. "We are very supportive of the idea of a carnival for Barry, though at the moment planning for the event is still very much in its infancy."

Mr Snooks had told The GEM he believed the carnival would take place in August next year, but Coun Moore emphasised that there were significant hurdles to be negotiated first.

"A meeting has been held involving Mr Snooks, the police and the council's highways and events departments."

"We recognise Mr Snooks' passion for the event, which would encourage community spirit and benefit the town, but there is still a long way to go."

"As is always the case with any event of this scale, safety is paramount, and it is necessary to hold further discussions."

"Mr Snooks will be invited to put forward his proposal to the Safety Advisory Group (SAG), comprising key internal officers from across council departments and representatives from the emergency services."

"The SAG is chaired by an officer from the

The Vale Leader added: "We have also advised the carnival organisers to consult the committee members of the previous Barry Carnival, which was successfully run for many years."

'Team GB' raises money for charity



THE above photo, submitted by GEM reader Geoff Brown shows Jeff Braithwaite of Braithwaite's Butchers, Cardiff, presenting Mr Brown with a cheque for £110 at a function organised to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

The function, held on October 6 in St Nicholas Hall in Barry, was organised by the Barry committee and raised in excess of £1,500.

The cheque from Mr Braithwaite was a result of selling carrier bags at his butchers.

Anyone interested in joining the committee can contact Mr Brown, the chairman, on 01446 739174. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month.

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GEM PAPERGIRL MAKES REGIONAL OPEN MIC FINAL



Carrienne Rogers has made it to the regional final of a national musical competition.

GEM papergirl Carrienne Rogers, from Barry, has made it through to the regional final of the Open Mic UK competition at the Coal Exchange in Cardiff, this Saturday (October 20).

The 17-year-old will battle it out against a host of other acts, including fellow Barry outfit and close friends Back To November – as reported in last week's GEM – for the chance to go on to the national finals in London.

She has been singing since she was 10 years old and is currently a member of Christian Bullen's Superstars Academy, where she undergoes a weekly vocal class.

She is a very talented young lady, having learnt clarinet and guitar, and is currently studying towards grade eight piano.

She has performed several times at the Barry Memo either as part of the Superstars or Vibe Experience.

Recently, she performed at the Barry Tall Ships Festival and a Macmillan Cancer Charity event in the Red Cow pub in Tonyrefail.

She is also a regular performer at acoustic

evenings arranged by Andy Johnson in the West End and Wyndham Club in Barry.

Carrienne has a very varied musical taste ranging from influences in Jessie J, Christina Perri, Newton Faulkner and Metallica, and uses this when writing her own songs.

She has made a video for her latest song 'Ghosts', written in memory of her late father Les Rogers, that she has posted on YouTube.

Carrienne is very excited about performing at the Open Mic night, and is looking forward to showing everyone her talent.

She said "I can't wait to perform my songs at the Open Mic competition and will give it my best effort to secure a place in the next round in London."

Carrienne has two paperounds for The GEM, but also covers people who are on holiday so quite often does four rounds a week!

People can show their support by buying tickets for the event at £8 each, which can be obtained by contacting Carrienne through Facebook (search for Carrienne Rogers) or emailing: krogers17@talktalk.net

NEWS FROM ST CYRES COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL



ABOVE: The new year-12 in-take learnt all about the value of hard work in getting to higher education at the Swansea University conference.

Pupils undertake fieldwork at Glamorgan University

YEAR-13 geography students enjoyed a day of fieldwork and seminars at Glamorgan University recently.

The day highlighted the wide range of careers available in geography, and featured a presentation by Nicky King, principal examiner for WJEC A-level Geography.

The students took part in a range of sessions focussing on microclimates, assessing the risk of flooding, compass and map skills, sustainability and teamwork.

This was a really good opportunity for students to ask questions, get hints and tips on exam technique and learn about career opportunities for geographers.

New Starters ST CYRES welcome a few new staff this year – Lucy Williams, David Jones, Karen Woollett, Owen Wood, Leo Ball and Emily Hankins.

Our new year-7s have also settled in well and have already thrown themselves into many of the opportunities available at the school. Many have joined the various lunchtime and after-school clubs and teams.

EU debate OUR head boy and head girl were invited by the Welsh Government to take part in the Mock European Council held at the debating chamber in Ty Hywel, Cardiff Bay.

This prestigious event was attended by schools from all over Wales and even one from France. Our representatives, Marcus Hicks and Eloise Johnson, were given the task to reflect the Netherlands' views at the conference.

The event was attended by the First Minister Carwyn Jones, who commented on



LEFT TO RIGHT: Lucy Williams, David Jones, Karen Woollett, Owen Wood, Leo Ball and Emily Hankins – the new staff at St Cyres this year.

how impressive the contributions were from the various member states.

Brussels will be looking on with anticipation and we look forward eagerly to the event next year.

New year-12 AFTER an excellent performance at GCSE and the Foundation/Intermediate Welsh Baccalaureate, the new year-12 intake at St Cyres embarked on the school's annual two-day sixth form induction conference at Swansea University.

A demonstration by Dr Darren Oatley from the university showed students the importance of ensuring that the right mixture of study skills is adopted in order to ensure success. Dr Jonathan Hicks, headteacher, emphasised the importance of continuous hard work throughout the sixth form, and alerted students to the vast range of opportunities ahead of them.

Mr Barrie Clarke from Swansea University then spoke to students about how to plan for higher education, and how the right combination of good A-Levels and the Welsh Baccalaureate will put students in a very strong position when applying for university places.

Students attended a community participation fayre in which they learnt about the vast range of opportunities available in the voluntary sector. Students then completed several

team-building exercises, before enjoying a disco and quiz in the evening.

On the second day, students took part in a 'President for the Day' conference, in which they had to make crucial decisions about running a third world country.

Mr P Davis, director

of post-16 education at St Cyres, said: "We are very pleased to welcome our new year-12 students. This conference has provided our students with first-hand experience of university life and they have returned home with high aspirations and are very keen to fulfil their high potential." SB

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ABOVE: Mr Afari signs the visitors' book, as the Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sword, looks on.

YASUS AFARI, a morning was treated to a Jamaican dub poet an inspirational talk born 'John Sinclair' from Mr Afari, who also in a small village in Jamaica, visited Wales to open Black History Week at the Sherman Theatre, Cardiff, and called into Barry Town Council too.

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Plaid in call for audit of Barry coastal buildings

FOLLOWING a scrutiny meeting held last week at the Vale Council, a local Plaid councillor has urged the need for a more holistic approach to regenerating the local economy.

Coun Steffan Wiliam, whose Baruc ward includes the Island, told The GEM that he welcomed proposals in two

reports that were presented to the committee, but felt they did not go far enough.

Coun Wiliam explained: "There is a need for far more joined up thinking from the council.

"We should be investigating the possible uses of coastal buildings under our ownership - particularly the old toy factory on Clements Colley Walk and the public shelter in the Knap - only part of it is currently used by the Rhonda Lifeguards."

Coun Wiliam said he has consistently raised the issue of holding an audit of all coastal buildings owned by the council.

Coun Wiliam said his calls for an audit were echoed by Dinas Powys councillor Chris Williams, who is Plaid's representative on the committee, but were rejected by Labour and Conservative members.

Coun Williams said: "We made other recommendations concerning the regeneration of the Island so that they could be fed into the greater Local Development Plan and regeneration plans.

"They include considering a feasibility study into a regeneration project which would involve the widening of the causeway and making a feature of the Old Harbour."

Coun Wiliam added: "All these ideas are about regenerating the local economy and creating wealth by attracting boutique leisure and retail industries here to complement and thereby support our existing businesses.

"It's such a shame that the other parties lack the imagination to support the principle of even considering them."

TRIBUTES PAID TO LOCAL MAN FOLLOWING HOLIDAY TRAGEDY

Charity marks 40th 'birthday'

THE 40th birthday of Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern attracted around 200 people when speakers included Dr Haydn Jones, founder chairman, Jane Hutt AM, Alun Cairns MP, and Coun Val Hartrey, chairman of the Dinas Powys Community Council.

Representing partner organisations were Coun Stuart Egan, Vale cabinet member for social services and Maria Battle, chair of the Cardiff and Vale Hospital Trust.

Among the guests were founder members, past chairmen and officers and many volunteers and service users active during the charity's 40-year history.

The evening was chaired by John Fanshaw, the chairman of DPVC, and was marked by the cutting of a large birthday cake, decorated by Pat West, a cabaret interlude and a toast to the future led by Alun Cairns.

Additionally, written by Alan Higgins, a 40-page booklet describing the organisation's history was published and distributed to those present. CF

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)
The secretary of the Labour Party in the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Chris Elmore, said: "I am truly sorry to hear of Peter's death in such tragic circumstances.

"He had played an active part in the local Labour Party for a number of years until fairly recently, when he had to take a step back to concentrate on family matters.

"He was very easy to get along with, and our thoughts as a local party are with his family at this terribly sad time."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said on Tuesday that he had been in touch with

the Foreign Office to make sure everything was being done to help the Hyett family.

"From communication with Mrs Hyett today, I know that she and her daughter are hoping to return home to the UK as soon as all essential actions are in order.

"I will be doing all I can to ensure that their journey home is as smooth and stress-free as possible, and will provide any assistance possible for them once they arrive back in Barry."

Mr Cairns added: "I will also work with the authorities to make sure that the cause of the accident is investigated thoroughly."

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Council scraps plans to extend the coastal car park charging

THE Vale Council has confirmed that it has dropped plans to charge for car parking at a number of Vale beauty spots.

The announcement came when the Vale Council cabinet visited Llantwit Major last Monday (October 15).

It was an appropriate choice of venue, as Llantwit Major beach was one of the sites that was reprieved, and the issue had been an emo-

tive one at the council elections last May.

A report presented at the meeting said the other sites that had been threatened with car parking charges were Penarth Cliff Top; Knap Terrace, Barry; and Penarth Marina.

The decision will lead to an estimated loss of income of £60,000, and a further report is on the way, looking at how the council's visible services budget can make up the shortfall.

The report said that the council already

charges for car parking at a range of its coastal sites at: Harbour Road car park, Barry Island; Rivermouth car park, Ogmores-by-Sea; Brig-y-Don car park, Ogmores-by-Sea; and Cymlau, Southerndown.

The report goes on to say that the proposal to charge at the new sites had been "...an extension of arrangements already in place.

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"However, the new sites specified are somewhat different in their nature, as most of them have a high level of use by local people.

"Concerns that these charges would mostly affect our local residents was one of the issues raised in a petition that was submitted earlier this year against the proposal to charge at Llantwit Major beach.

"Similar concerns were also raised in respect to possible charging at the Knap Terrace, Barry".

LONG-SERVING COOK CAROLE BIDS FAREWELL TO SCHOOL

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School has said a sad farewell to its much-loved school cook this term.

Mrs Carole Morgan has worked at the school since its early days as a lunchtime supervisor and in the kitchen. She took over as cook in 1996, producing tasty, healthy meals for the pupils.

Headteacher Richard Ware held a special celebration assembly for Carole, which was attended by two Vale catering managers and she was presented with a gift and card in appreciation of her hard work and dedication over many years.

Mr Ware said that Carole would be greatly missed by everyone at All Saints.

Carole's leaving party was held at a local Chinese restaurant, where she was accompanied by her husband and her predecessor, Jan Ryan.

Carole said: "I have enjoyed my time at All Saints and I will miss the children, but I am looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren." NM



ABOVE: Carole Morgan (second left) pictured at her leaving party.

Backing-up is a good habit

HABIT is a powerful force; just think how hard it is to break a bad one. That enormous power can be harnessed by good habits if you take the trouble to develop them.

At the Penarth Computer Club, we repeatedly stress one very useful habit – back up your files.

A newspaper article concerned a chap who had his luggage stolen at the airport.

Unfortunately, his bag also contained his laptop and memory sticks with all his records of a project he had been working on for 10 years.

The worst part was he had no copy of his files. Nothing. Zero. He has lost 10 years' work.

It's an extreme case, but it was avoidable if only he had backed up

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his work and made sure that he had a complete duplicate set of files stored somewhere else.

Hardware is getting more reliable, but it is not and never will be perfect. Things go wrong without notice (without mercy, some would say).

It doesn't even have to be your computer. Your power supply could fail, or someone trip over the cable and unplug the system.

If you don't care if you lose files, then you don't have to worry about backing up. The more important your files are to you, from precious family photographs, copies of legal documents, a book or music you have written or anything you care about, the more you need the back-up habit.

A good habit is to save or back up a file you are working on every 10-15 minutes. A back-up means keeping a copy of a file in a safe place without deleting the original. Your security should increase as the file's importance increases.

Companies might collapse if they lost their records, and keep everything backed-up at a remote location on duplicate equipment ready for a smooth take-over if the original building should burn down overnight. How exposed are you?

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 23, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8pm.

For more information visit penarthcomputerclub.co.uk

HOWARD DESMOND
(chairman)

Successful year for Beer Festival

THE Barry West End Beer festival has passed for another year, after another successful weekend.

The festival concluded with a sing-along with John Lewis Country, wowing the happy bar with Rockabilly and beer songs.

The Barry West End

Club has proudly been part of the CAMRA Good Beer Guide for the past seven years by winning the best Club Ale in the Vale and Bridgend award. The club has real ales on tap throughout the year from all over, keeping the reputation to the highest standard.

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Vale MP supports the Lions' 'message in a bottle' scheme



Vale MP Alun Cairns (centre) and Andrew RT Davies backed the 'message in a bottle' scheme.

BARRY MAN SLEEPS ROUGH FOR CHARITY

A BARRY man has had a taste of sleeping rough on the streets as part of an Action for Children campaign.

Earlier this month, Nick Everitt, who works for Logica in Bridgend, braved torrential rain when sleeping rough on the streets of London.

Nick said "I was one of 10 people from my company who took part in what is now an annual event aimed at raising awareness of the plight of young people without homes.

"The weather was atrocious for the night, with non-stop rain and wind, so we couldn't get any sleep in our flooded sleeping bags.

"However, we had to brave the elements for only one night."

He said that it was estimated that more than 100,000 young people are without homes every single night.

Almost a third of these people will attempt to commit suicide and they simply are not aware of charities such as Action for Children who can provide some assistance.

Nick added "Before we took to the streets I was privileged to speak to some of the young children and hear their heart-wrenching stories of circumstances beyond



Nick Everitt, getting cold and wet on the streets of London.

their control that forced them to be homeless.

"We heard from young people who were forced into care when their parents simply decided they did not want them anymore.

"We heard about the incredible difference Action for Children has been able to make to their lives across the United Kingdom, including here in Wales."

"Needless to say, when I returned home the following day, the hugs I received from my wife and children – and the warm and dry bed – were that extra bit special to me."

You can still donate money for the event Nick took part in by contacting him at everitt79@googlemail.com or going to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=LogicalLondonByteNight>

VALE MP Alun Cairns recently met with the Barry and Penarth Lions Club to support their message in a bottle scheme.

The scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage people living on their own to keep their basic personal and medical details in a common location where they can be found in an emergency.

As the name suggests, the personal information is kept in a small plastic bottle which is then kept in the fridge, where the emergency services will expect to look for it in the event of being called to a home.

They will be alerted to the householder's membership of the scheme by two 'green cross' labels. One is fixed to the back of the front door (or the door most used to access the premises); the second is attached to the door of the fridge.

While it is focused on the more vulnerable people in the community, anyone can have an accident at home. The Vale MP urged as many people as possible to use

the scheme. He said: "At the recent Vale Older People's Day event Jude Warren, the new president of Barry and Penarth Lions Club, was keen to tell Andrew RT Davies AM and myself all about their fantastic scheme.

"I'd urge residents in the Vale living on their own to take part. By telling whether you have special medication or allergies or not, it is a potential lifesaver and provides peace of mind to users and their friends and families.

"It can also inform the Emergency Services if you have a pet, so it can be looked after if you have to go to hospital.

"It couldn't be easier to take part as the bottles, which are free of charge, can be obtained by calling Barry Lions Club on 0845 833 6742, or they can usually be found in your local chemist or doctor's surgeries."

Barry Lions Club members meet at the Mount Sorrel Hotel in Barry monthly, on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. More information can be found at: www.barrylionsclub.co.uk.

AUTUMN FAYRE

THE Barry Action Medical Research Committee is holding an autumn fayre to celebrate 60 years of vital research on Saturday, October 27, from 2pm-4pm at the Millennium Hall, Porth-y-Castel, Barry.

Numerous stalls, raffle, etc. Admission £1.50, includes refreshments.

NEWS FROM THE BARRY COMPREHENSIVE

Pupils attend award ceremony in London



Ellie Jones (Routes into Languages), Sion Hupfield (Cardiff University) Ms Evans and students Tom Jones and Harry Lambert.

ON September 26, Barry Comprehensive School students, Thomas Jones and Harry Lambert, and head of modern foreign languages, Ms Evans, attended an awards ceremony at Europe House in London.

Ms Ellie Jones and her Routes into Languages Cymru project were recognised for their work with schools, and their introduction of the 'Adopt a Class' project.

Tom and Harry, both from year-10, and Ms Evans were asked to be part of a presentation to showcase the project.

As well as receiving the European Label, Routes into Languages also received a special award from the Italian Cultural Institute and the Spanish Consejería de Educación.

Ms Evans was extremely proud of the two students, who gave confident speeches about the benefits of being part of 'Adopt a Class'.



Sixth formers sold cakes to fellow pupils at break time to raise more money for the Macmillan charity.

Coffee morning
BARRY Comprehensive was proud to join schools and offices across the UK to support the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Pupils, parents and staff contributed cakes which sixth form students sold to eager pupils at break time. Staff made and submitted a mouth-watering selection of cakes to the cake competition, which was judged by resident expert Mr Tresilian.

The school was delighted to welcome a number of special guests to the LRC to join in with the fundraising, including Alun Cairns MP, Jane Hutt AM and members of the Royal British Legion.

Students were also given the chance to quiz Flt Lt Nick Carter from RAF St Athan and two serving members of the parachute regiment.

All the boys involved thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to ask the visiting soldiers questions about their training and their experiences.

It was also very special for them to have the opportunity to listen to veterans of wars gone by and this helped them develop a deeper appreciation of what generations of soldiers have sacrificed for their country.

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Best Kept Village winners in civic reception



ABOVE; Children from some of the winning schools, including Llanfair Primary, St Andrews Major, Cadoxton and Cogan nurseries and Ashgrove Special School.

The Mayor of the Vale has hosted a reception to congratulate winners of the Best Kept Village Competition 2012 and the schools' competition.

Coun Eric Hacker said: "I would like to thank all the villages and schools who entered this year's competition and for making the effort to improve the area in which we live. Our gardens brighten up our lives and

give us a sense of pride in our achievements.

"I am particularly pleased that so many schools took part and that we are encouraging our young people to have an interest in our environment."

The winning village this year was Ystradowen, with Gileston and Michaelston le Pit as joint second and Wenvoe as fourth.

The 2012 schools' competition was well supported, with 18 schools taking part.

The winning schools in Category A were: Ashgrove School, Penarth – first; St Andrews Major and St Nicholas – joint second.

In Category B, Cadoxton Nursery and Cogan Nursery were joint first, with Bute Cottage Nursery placed third and Llanfair primary School "very highly commended".



The Wenvoe committee accept their fourth place prize.



Michaelston le Pit representatives receive their joint second award.

Reader's view

Storm in a jam jar

RECENTLY, the Daily Mail drew attention to an EU regulation prohibiting the sale of home made jam by churches, village halls or other charitable bodies at local fetes, sales and similar events.

The penalty for breaking the regulation is a fine of up to £5,000. While it is possible to buy unused jars and lids, they cost about £1 each, which might make the jam unsaleable and seriously affect the income of those charities which sell it.

The article quoted the Secretary of State for the Environment as saying that commonsense is called for but, apparently, the government has done nothing to prevent the regulation taking effect in the UK.

There is a Downing Street petition on the matter and I would urge all your readers to visit the website and sign it and to bring the matter to the attention of their friends, so that the word gets spread.

If enough people sign the petition, the matter has to be debated in Parliament, which may make the Government take action to protect its citizens.

This may be a matter of particular interest to members of the WI, as it would appear from the article that their national body is willing to accept the regulation. Gavin Davies, Penmark



Ystradowen was this year's Best Kept Village in the Vale.

New look for council recycling vehicles

TWELVE of the Vale Council's recycling vehicles have received new bilingual signage – after a grant from Waste Awareness Wales.

Six of the fleet now carry garden waste recycling messages.

The remaining six carry information about the Vale's household waste recycling centres in Barry and Llandow.

Coun Rob Curtis, cabinet member for the environment and visible services, was shown two of the vehicles by the council's cleansing superintendent, Simon Chilcott, before the vehicles started their

collection rounds. Coun Curtis said: "These vehicles, which are driven across the Vale, promote two very important elements of our recycling service."

"Firstly, our alternate week garden waste collections."

"This year we're continuing collections through November, with 'ring and request' starting from December 3."

"Secondly, we are promoting the fact that

our residents can recycle more items at our household waste recycling centres.

"The clear pictures on the side of the vehicles will hopefully serve to remind people that car oil, electrical items (from irons to TVs) and hard plastics can be taken to the centres for onward processing by our contractors, Biffa."

COUNCIL SURGERY

COUNS Geoff Cox, Hunter Jarvie and Andrew Parker, Cowbridge ward members on the Vale Council, will be holding a surgery on Saturday, October 20, from 11am-12.30pm in the Robing Room of Cowbridge Town Hall. Appointments are not necessary.

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COUNCIL TO RUN TEAM Traffic wardens should be on streets by April

PLANS to have council traffic wardens patrolling the Vale by April next year are still on schedule.

For some time now, the Vale Council has been going through a complex legal process to obtain powers from the Welsh Government (WG) to take on civil parking enforcement (CPE) in the Vale.

At last Monday's Vale Council cabinet meeting in Llantwit Major, the current situation was outlined in an officers'

by PHILIP IRWIN

report. The report said that the new traffic wardens will be run in a joint operation with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), which will be the employing authority, running a team comprising a parking manager and 17 other staff. The parking manager is expected to be appointed in the near future.

The number of staff and their employment will be reviewed once the operation has had time to

bed in. The wardens will be known as civil enforcement officers (CEOs).

The parking management team will be based in the Innovation Centre, Bridgend Science Park, and various locations for a satellite office in the Vale are being considered.

As part of the legal process, new on and off street traffic regulation orders (TROs) are being prepared to make the scheme legally watertight, after a review by a specialist company, Alpha Parking.

When the process started, the cabinet approved up to £300,000 from the Visible Services reserves to progress the CPE application. Costs so far are approximately £136,380 and are made up of: Technical salaries – £40,000 (current estimate);

Buchanan Software – £20,380 (current estimate); Alpha Parking – £57,000 (current estimate); RTA consultants – £19,000 (current estimate).

The report concluded: "A budget is currently being discussed with BCBC for the first year of operation of CPE in 2013/14.

"It is currently anticipated that the on-going operational costs of the service will be funded from parking fine income."

Renishaw makes start at former Bosch factory

A Gloucestershire company has begun operations at the former Bosch site in Miskin, bringing 20 jobs to the area.

Renishaw is a global player in engineering technology and received a Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2012 for a new cutting-edge accuracy measuring system.

South Wales Central AM, Andrew RT Davies, said it was a promising sign that the site was being "put to good use" once more.

Mr Davies said his hope was that more man-

ufacturing jobs would be created in the future.

"In the short term at least, the opening of this plant will replace just 20 of the 900 jobs lost when Bosch diverted its work to Hungary.

"Nevertheless, this is good news for the Vale. It is promising that the site will at last be put to good use, and that the company is believed to be keen to locate much of its future manufacturing here in the Vale."

Bosch ceased manufacturing in Miskin last summer, with work being transferred to a plant in Hungary.

Inaugural deaf PACT meeting set for the Vale

THE Vale's deaf community will have the chance to air their policing concerns with the creation of a new PACT meeting.

The Safer Vale Partnership is hosting its first PACT meeting designed for people with a hearing disability at 7pm on Wednesday, October 24, in committee room two of the Vale Council's Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

Interest has been shown by members to set up a deaf PACT meeting and the Safer Vale Partnership has been asked to facilitate this.

Deaf PACT meetings are already held in other areas throughout south Wales. They have been well attended and have successfully addressed community issues.

The Safer Vale Partnership is committed to creating a safer environment in which people can live, work and visit, free from crime and disorder and

the fear of crime.

The partnership is made up of representatives from the statutory sector, voluntary sector, local businesses and community groups.

Safer Vale would like to encourage residents to attend this meeting to have their say on mat-

ters that affect their community. Confirm attendance by texting or emailing your details to PCSO Rhianon Harris on 07970 736885, or: rhianon.harris@south-wales.pnn.police.uk, including your name, address and contact number.

Good neighbour scheme seeking voluntary drivers

AGE CONCERN'S Good Neighbour scheme in the western Vale is currently seeking to recruit volunteer drivers who are willing to help older people to live in their homes by assisting with hospital appointments, dental appointments and everyday necessities such as shopping.

Many of these tasks, which we take for granted, cause older people much worry and distress in trying to arrange, as many

no longer have readily accessible transport.

Could you make a real difference to people's lives by helping them live theirs?

It is a very fulfilling role, and no more than a couple of hours a week is needed. Mileage costs are reimbursed to volunteers.

If you want to help your local community, and the older people within it, contact the Gary Bohun on 01446 795549. GB

Celebrity chef shows how it's done at Vale Council cooking demonstration

SHOPPERS in Barry picked up some top tips and recipe ideas at a 'Love Food, Hate Waste' cookery demonstration hosted by celebrity chef Richard Fox and the Vale Council.

Richard performed several live cookery demonstrations, showing how leftovers can be made into meals, as well as sharing practical advice on how to plan meals, work out portion sizes, understand date labels and store food correctly to make it last longer.

The event was hosted by the council as part of Waste Awareness Wales' 'Love Food, Hate Waste' tour, encouraging us all to reduce the amount of food we throw away.

Cook-offs, including one between

The GEM's own Gareth Jamieson and Coun Gwyn John, tested culinary skills and showcased tasty recipes.

Georgina Taubman from Waste Awareness Wales said: "In Wales, we throw away a staggering amount of food.

"The two main reasons we end up wasting food is that we cook or prepare too much, or we let it go past its use-by date. Small and simple changes in the kitchen can make a massive difference, such as knowing more about portion sizes.

"Knowing a bit more about how we shop for, store and prepare food all helps us to waste less food at home.

"I'm really pleased with the comments we heard at the Barry event, when residents told us they were going to try the recipe ideas and found the tips useful."



Celebrity chef Richard Fox shows Coun Rob Curtis how it's done in the kitchen.

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Official report praises 'problem free' Eisteddfod in the Vale...

THE Vale Council has published an official report on its involvement with the National Eisteddfod 2012 in August at Llandow.

The Vale Council's official report, prepared by Rob Thomas, the director of development services, revealed that 138,767 visitors came, nearly 2,000 higher than the previous Eisteddfod in south Wales, which was in Ebbw Vale in 2010.

Last year's Eisteddfod in Wrexham, was 10,000 higher, but Elfed Roberts, the chief executive of the

Eisteddfod, has (through the media) expressed his satisfaction at attendance figures, especially given the poor weather during the middle of the week, the economic climate and also the rival attraction of the Olympics.

The author of the report said: "I am pleased to report that as a consequence of sound advanced planning and decision making, there were no reported problems with congestion on the roads during the Eisteddfod week."

"In addition, officers were able to respond to any specific concerns (notably as a conse-

quence of delays for traffic leaving car parks at the busiest times) in a timely and efficient manner."

He said that the bus service that was provided by the council to link the Eisteddfod site with Cowbridge and Llantwit Major operated without delays or problems.

There were 6,757 passenger journeys throughout the week, and he added that a significant majority used the bus to link with the train service for Llantwit Major.

On site, the council made the Greenlinks bus available to transport people requiring a bus around the Maes.

The service used a pre-arranged route and operated daily, taking between 10 and 25 each day.

He said that, in the run-up to the Eisteddfod, a considerable amount of time and staff resources were used to plan the council's presence on the Maes, where it had a prominent pavilion, with the theme 'Coast and Countryside'.

YOUNG FARMERS CYCLE TO AGM FOR AIR AMBULANCE!



Commissioner shows support for Age Concern

THE Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Sarah Rochira, has expressed her support and admiration for the work of Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale in the local area.

When questioned in an interview for the Age Concern magazine, Life Times, the Commissioner commented: "I'd like to say a very public thank you to all the staff and volunteers who make Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale what it is."

"I know just how important your work is. Quite simply, you give meaning back to thousands of older people every year."

"Without you, there are people who would be lonely, isolated and afraid, who would have to choose whether to eat or heat, and for many whose life simply wouldn't be worth living. Thank you to all of you for what you do, you are just wonderful!"

To find out more about the products and services that Age Concern Cardiff and the Vale offer in the local area, call: 02920 521 052 or visit: www.age-concern-cardiff.org.uk.

MEMBERS of Glamorgan Young Farmers recently set off with Wales YFC chairman Mr Dylan Jones and close friend Aled Jones, to cycle from the county office in Pencoed to the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff for their AGM.

Dylan Jones is chairman of Wales YFC and has cycled through every county in Wales on the sponsored cycle ride in aid of his chosen charity Wales Air Ambulance.

PIT STOP

The cyclists took a 'pit stop' at The Red Lion, Pendoylan, where Matthew Rees was on hand to congratulate them on their efforts.

They have cycled 568 miles and the Young Farmers have raised a massive £37,000 for a worthy cause.

ABOVE: the YFC cyclists line up for a photo shoot.

BELOW: Welsh star Matthew Rees was on hand to add his support



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'Youth cabinet will give young people a voice'

— SAYS VALE COUNCILLOR

THE cabinet member for children's services at the Vale Council, Coun Chris Elmore, has told The GEM that a formal consultation is being launched – with a view to establishing a 'youth cabinet' and 'youth mayor'.

Local Democracy Week (LDW) focuses on trying to engage more young people in the democratic process, and is the inspiration for the start of conversations with local young people from across the county on options for holding elections next year to elect a youth cabinet.

The aim is to provide a voice for young people in the Vale.

Since LDW was launched in 2006 the focus has been on young people questioning coun-

cillors and the election of a councillor as 'Youth Champion'.

But Coun Elmore said this is all set to change under proposals from the Labour-Llantwit First run Vale Council.

Coun Elmore told The GEM: "My main aim in the establishment of a youth cabinet and a youth mayor is to ensure that, for the first time, young people have a real say on how services which directly affect them are developed and delivered."

"The role of youth mayor would be a clear link between the Vale Council cabinet and the youth cabinet, ensuring they have a say on the decisions the Vale cabinet are making on services that matter to them."

"I would encourage all young people to complete the survey."

LDW involves all Vale secondary schools and

many other youth organisations right across the Vale. A report will be presented to the Vale Council cabinet before Christmas following the consultation with young people, and it is hoped that elections for a youth cabinet and youth mayor will happen in the spring of 2013.

The survey for young people can be found at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/ValeLDW2012.

School 'keep giving' with festival

PUPILS and staff at Gladstone Primary School celebrated harvest with a special festival, led by teacher Sarah Creasey, at school last week.

Each year group practised a song, poem, recipe or rap and performed for the rest of the school, before prayers were said.

This year, the children and parents had been asked to donate tinned or dried food for the festival.

At the end of the service, the year-6 children and Mrs Creasey carried 26 bags brimming with produce to the school car park where the food was whisked away to Coastlands Family Church for their food bank – a scheme that helps to feed thousands of people across the Vale who find themselves in a crisis situation.

Mrs Creasey said: "Once again, the pupils and parents of Gladstone have proved that we are a school with a big heart."

"We have taught the children the Christian message of a harvest festival by giving praise and sharing what we have. I feel so proud to be part of a school that just keeps giving." HA



ABOLVE: Sarah Creasey together with children from year-5 and year-6 and a selection of the food donated by Gladstone parents.

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Vale Calendar Girls looking to raise money for cancer charity

A LOCAL woman is following the lead of Julie Walters, Helen Mirren and the rest of the *Calendar Girls* – and creating her own version to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Kelly Batchelor, from St Athan, is calling all local businesses to ask for help and support with funding for the calendar. As well as help with publishing costs, Kelly and her band of volunteers also need help setting up and hosting a web page from which calendars can be sold.

Kelly told The GEM: "We are a group of people who really want to show our support to the families that have been

destroyed due to this horrible illness.

"Cancer treatment is very expensive on the NHS and every day they are trying to find new ways of treating it. The aftercare and other forms of help are also very expensive.

"All funding will help towards the cost of publishing the calendars and setting up a website where items can be bought.

"We have found a local photographer to do the photo shoot at no cost, as her father also had cancer a few years ago.

"The businesses that are willing to help will have their names published at the back of the calendar, to show people they supported us."

Kelly had initially wanted to show her support through physical

exertion, but circumstances dictated she choose another path.

She continued: "I was hoping to do the run for life to show my support but being five months pregnant, it really wasn't a good idea.

"I was talking to my local photographer while picking up family shots and the idea came to me – why not do a calendar?"

"That evening I suggested it on my Facebook page and I was shocked by the response. Friends of friends are willing to help, as cancer has affected their lives as it has my family."

Kelly has set up a donation page on Facebook for people to come forward and pledge their support, and she plans to support research into all cancer types with the calendar.

To support Kelly's cause, either as an individual or business, contact her through the Facebook page at: <http://apps.facebook.com/mjfdonation/kelly-batchelor21010/on-face-book>.

Leigh Gruffydd Sanders

Sully WI help African mothers

SEPTEMBER has been a very busy month at Sully WI, where members have been actively supporting Angela Gorman and her charity, 'Life for African Mothers'.

Angela was a senior sister in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the University Hospital of Wales until she watched a BBC documentary that inspired her to take action in the fight

to stop women in Africa dying in childbirth.

Since 2006, Angela has put her life and soul into supplying life-saving medication to women in African countries including Sierra Leone, Chad, Uganda, Tanzania and Somaliland.

It is estimated that since 2009, the charity has supplied 180,000 doses of drugs, thus saving an estimated 45,000 lives. It costs £5 to stop a woman having seizures which result in coma and death.

It costs only 45p to stop a woman bleeding to death; less than the price of a postage stamp!

Angela's charity encourages mothers to come to hospital to have their babies so that they can receive the medication. They are also given a gift of a baby bundle, including a babygrog, cardigan, hat and blanket. The ladies of Sully WI have been feverishly knitting, and so far the first three boxes have been shipped to Lamley Hospital in Sierra Leone.

Sully WI hope to continue with monthly shipments, so if anyone would like to donate knitting wool, knitted baby clothes or good quality second-hand baby clothes, we would be delighted to receive them.

For more details call Jane on 07966 882459. Jean Dowding

Barry couple's slog through the mud raises funds for the Forces' charity



Vintage bicycle ride was a better option than walking!

JONATHAN and Wendy Hicks thanked their dozens of sponsors after they completed a 13-mile march in aid of the Army Benevolent fund last Sunday.

Along with other reenactors from the Screaming Eagles Living History Group, they walked around the area in Wiltshire, where elements of the American 101st Airborne Division were based in 1944.

"The conditions were very muddy in places and it took us most of the day but we kept going," said Wendy. "We were finally able to raise over £500 for this worthy cause."

57 Xfor fines in the Vale

LOCAL authority support company XFOR issued 57 fixed penalty notices in the Vale of Glamorgan during the week commencing October 8.

It has been tasked by the Vale Council to tackle dog fouling and littering offences and is taking a zero tolerance approach, with offenders being issued with £75 fines without warning.

PACT meetings

Upcoming Vale PACT meetings:

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Admission is 50p to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

There will be the usual stalls and Christmas cards.

Since its inception in 1997, VOGA has exhibited at home and internationally, including at this year's National Eisteddfod at Llandow.

Also featured is Alan Salisbury, a honorary member of the group who paints in the style of 17th century 'Old Masters' – "with a twist".

Barrie Llewellyn, senior lecturer in creative writing at the University of Glamorgan will be using the exhibition as the basis for a creative writing workshop.

The VOGA exhibition continues until Saturday, November 10. Y Galeri is open 10am till 5pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

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MYSTERY AS HERD IS TAKEN AWAY AT LAST MINUTE

Colwinston villagers round up latest 'fly grazing' horses



ABOVE: The abandoned horses on the tennis courts at Colwinston.

Photograph by Peter Graham-Woollard



VILLAGERS in Colwinston had to form a posse last Sunday and round up 17 horses that had been dumped on playing fields in the town.

Within a few days, the horses were taken away again – just before Vale Council welfare officers arrived to take the herd to another location!

A resident told The GEM: "To prevent them wandering, residents and farmers coralled them in the tennis courts."

The horses were initially fed and watered by volunteers. The resident added: "The small herd is of mixed stock, including four foals, one of which is still suckling and appear to be in good physical condition."

On Monday, the Vale Council confirmed that it was dealing with horses on land at the Colwinston Community Centre.

A council spokeswoman said: "There are 17 horses presently secure in the tennis court, and all attempts will be made to find the owners."

"Due to the unsuitability of the tennis courts for the storage of horses it has been decided to relocate the horses to a more suitable site."

by PHILIP IRWIN

"Animal health officers will be undertaking an investigation into the horse ownership/welfare"

"Notices are being placed at Colwinston Community Centre, in line with Section 7 of the Animal Act 1971."

"If the owner of the horses do not come forward within 14 days of the notices being placed they will be classed as abandoned."

"After the 14 days the landowner (the Vale Council) will reserve the right to remove and/or sell the horses."

Earlier this year, horses that were abandoned on Vale Council land were impounded by the council after 14 days and rehomed at a rescue centre in England.

The chairman of Colwinston Community Council, Geoff Bates, said that the prompt action of villagers had helped both control a difficult situation, and protected the horses' welfare.

However, the situation changed on Tuesday when the horses were taken away.

A council spokesperson said: "Arrangements had been made to move the horses to a more suitable location."

"On arrival at Colwinston, the horse transport company received a call from a local horse owner stating he was missing horses and would be attending the site."

"The horse transport company was advised to remove the horses and we contacted South Wales Police to attend."

"However, the local horse owner removed the horses before the police arrived."

On hearing about the horses, Andrew RT Davies, AM for South Wales Central, whose region includes the Vale, said: "On September 25, I asked the Leader of the House, Jane Hutt, to bring forward a statement on what progress the Welsh Government, made in tackling this matter."

"I have heard nothing to date, so I have repeated my call today in the Chamber of the National Assembly for Wales. The Welsh Government must work with the local authority, the police and animal welfare charities to find a solution."

"Last winter saw many horses abandoned right across the Vale. With winter fast approaching, I am concerned that 12 months on, little progress appears to have been made."

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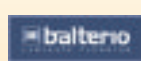
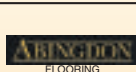
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Despite the critics... Landmark achievements for people of the Vale

IWOULD like to begin by making a comment about recent allegations and accusations on Labour's pledges on the Local Development Plan (LDP).

Recently, we have been accused of not doing what we said we would do, and there have been many inaccurate and misleading comments in the press.

However, I can confirm this is not the case. We will be taking a report to cabinet and scrutiny committee within the next few weeks, outlining the steps we are taking to produce a sustainable alternative LDP, as promised.

That said, I am pleased to say that there have been some landmark achievements in the Vale in the last month or so. We have celebrated the redevelopment of Cadroxton House, with an official opening attended by the Minister for Local Government and Communities, Carl Sargeant, who was very impressed with the facility.

This redevelopment has been a long time in the making and it is truly

VIEW FROM THE VALE



by Coun
NEIL MOORE
Leader of the
Vale of
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Council

a story of the phoenix rising from the ashes, creating a new state-of-the-art facility.

Cadoxton House is now home to a multi-agency community support centre – the Vale's first such centre giving support via the Families First initiative, Atal y Fro, Victim Support and Pen yr Enfy.

The centre also houses the first community-based, live video court link in Wales and England.

The live link aims to relieve the stress for those giving evidence, and provide a secure and more positive experience for witnesses giving evidence in criminal cases.

We have also been pleased to announce with Penarth Arts and Crafts Limited (PACL) that work is starting on the redevelopment of Penarth Pier Pavilion.

The £4 million project will take just over a year to complete and when the pavilion reopens, its facilities will include a cinema, exhibition spaces, bar and a restaurant looking out over the Severn Estuary.

The pier and its pavilion are much-loved by residents and visitors and the council is pleased to be supporting its renovation and will continue to work with PACL to ensure a successful project.

Added to that, Whitbread's new 80-

bedroom Premier Inn hotel and Brewers Fayre restaurant on Barry Waterfront has opened, marked by a visit from Huw Lewis, the Housing, Regeneration and Heritage Minister, along with Jane Hutt AM, the Vale's AM and Finance Minister.

This is good news for the local residents who wanted to see a hotel and restaurant on the Waterfront.

The council worked hard to bring this project to the town and I know that local people are already supporting the new venture.

Reservations are flowing in and the hotel is reporting fully booked nights, particularly during rugby's Six Nations Championships.

We have to applaud Whitbread, who have invested £7.5m in this new development, creating local employment with 70 new, full-time and part-time jobs being created and helping to support local businesses.

I am also happy to report that the council's Employment Training Services team worked closely with Whitbread to maximise local employment opportunities from the new development.

Barry's Premier Inn is also one of the greenest and most energy efficient hotels and restaurant developments in south Wales.

It has been a great success and everyone involved should be congratulated.

I look forward to more good news stories next month.

Mother and daughter team up for charity

A MOTHER and daughter team from Penarth are lacing up the old walking boots and hiking around Newport Wetlands in aid of Adoption UK.

Philippa Williams will be setting off with her 13-year-old daughter during the October half-term holiday as part of Adoption Walk Wales – an event encouraging walkers to hike stretches of the new Wales Coast Path between October 28 and November 4 to celebrate National Adoption Week.

Philippa adopted her daughter Katie, who has special needs, when she was 14 months old. She hopes their walk will raise awareness of adoption and the rewards it can bring.

Anyone interested in taking part in the walk can visit: www.adoptionwalkwales.org, or contact: wales@adoptionuk.org.uk, or 02920 230 319. To donate to Philippa and Katie, visit: <http://www.just-giving.com/Philippa-Williams2.0>.

The Vale unites for April Jones

ON Sunday October 14, the sun shone brightly as people from Penarth, Cogan, Dinas Powys, Sully, Barry and other nearby communities gathered for an 11am start to walk for April Jones, to show those currently searching for the child in Machynlleth that the country is behind them.

Having promoted the event on Facebook, and gained a street collection license, local businesses and individuals came forward to offer their help through items for the walk, such as helium balloons to release on Penarth Pier, to items for raffle such as a

signed Cardiff City FC shirt.

The Fig Tree Restaurant on Penarth Seaford offered its terrace for the raffle/auction, as well as donating a meal at their restaurant to be entered into the raffle.

In addition, they provided refreshments to everyone who had taken part following the walk.

At Penarth Pier, they counted down for the balloons to be released, then asked people to take a moment for their own thoughts of April Jones. It was a wonderful sense of community spirit, but also a very emotional moment.

At The Fig Tree, Deputy Mayor Neil Morgan held the auction for the signed CFC shirt and Sheridan Ward's beautiful signed print of Penarth Pier, and friends Natalie Speake, Sharon Crockett and Emma Shumack conducted the raffle.

The event raised more than £850 and will be sent directly to the 'April Jones Fund' which has been set up by Machynlleth Town Council. The final decision of how donations will be used and distributed will be made by April's family.

Natalie would like to thank all who attended and donated.

Natalie Speake

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Ruby certainly Sparks in cute, kooky comedy

FOR any actor, the ability to write your own scripts and give yourself a film role is a good skill to have.

It worked for Matt Damon and Ben Affleck, who gave their careers a massive rise in profile with the self-penned *Good Will Hunting*, and now Zoe Kazan no doubt hopes it will work for her too in *Ruby Sparks*.

Paul Dano plays Calvin, a struggling writer who creates the character of Ruby to help with his writer's block; but when Ruby actually comes to life (played by Kazan), Calvin must come to terms with how this has happened, and also deal with falling in love with her...

It's highly appropriate that the directors behind *Little Miss Sunshine*, Valerie Faris and Jonathan Dayton, have taken the reigns of *Ruby Sparks*. While the subject matter isn't directly the same, there are still elements in terms of dysfunctional relationships and communication breakdowns that permeate both films.

But Faris and Dayton are well aware that nearly two hours of this would be very hard

going, and, thanks to their direction and a sparkling script for Zoe Kazan (granddaughter of the great Elia Kazan), *Ruby Sparks* makes for a cute, kooky comedy with a lightly bitter edge.

The directing duo's style is low-key and intimate, and that's what they offer up here – the film not concerned with visual trickery or flashy editing, instead letting the story, characters and performances speak for themselves.

The sun-kissed beauty of California is lensed with clarity by the pair, the direction stylish without being too stylish and wonderfully focused on the key components.

Of course, blessed with Kazan's wonderful script their job is made that little bit easier, the actress's first screenplay clever, well structured, and full of characters who even with the smallest of screentime feel vivid and full of life.

It would have been easy for Kazan to build the screenplay to show off her talents, but her generosity allows the whole cast to shine, the focus of the film resting more on the character of Calvin and the situation he finds himself in than on the sudden appearance of this previously non-existent woman.



by GARETH JAMIESON

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The script moves in clever ways, and as the story progresses things take a slight turn for the darker, but even as the comedy gives way to this the film still feels surefooted. Kazan examines the possibilities of being able to control someone through the medium of literature in a realistic and emotional way, the far-out concept never feeling too outlandish or beyond belief.

The performances certainly help in grounding it. Paul Dano is excellent as the awkward literary genius experiencing 'second novel syndrome', and he certainly leads the film well.

Likeable, his chemistry with Kazan (his real-life girlfriend) is understandably excellent, with her turn

incredibly peppy and full of verve and personality.

Chris Messina offers good support as Calvin's brother, while the likes of Antonio Banderas, Annette Bening, Steve Coogan and Elliot Gould all shine in a variety of roles with a selection of screentimes.

But the real star of the show is most definitely Kazan, and with an ending that succeeds in being fitting without being underwhelming or too neat, she shows plenty of potential as both a screenwriter and an actress.

Hopefully, *Ruby Sparks* will be a jumping off point for far more from her.

VERDICT – A cute and kooky comedy, *Ruby Sparks* is a wonderful little film that deserves attention. Strong direction from Valerie Faris and Jonathan Dayton, coupled with strong performances, make this well worth a watch, but with a superb turn and an excellent script. Zoe Kazan steals the show and shows she has plenty of potential. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Little Miss Sunshine* (2006), *Stranger Than Fiction* (2006)

Workplace stress can be a killer in the hive

NOT much changes. The variations in the weather are still causing problems for the bees and the beekeeper.

Honey production this season has hit an all-time low. All of the colonies have received supplementary feeding at regular intervals (sugar syrup) and of course the Varroa mite is still with us, and is subjecting the bees to a level of stress they could well do without.

What is likely to stress bees? Well, the lack of pollen coming into the hive or lack of it stored within the hive.

Pollen is the protein source that the bees require on a daily basis and should supplies start to dwindle, the bees that control the inner workings of the hive must take steps to address this situation.

How do they do that? To start with, the Queen is induced to lay fewer eggs, which means fewer larvae that will need feeding, but this means fewer bees developing to become foragers who should be returning to the hive with the all important pollen.

If the situation does not improve, the in-house bees will consume eggs and developing larvae. Although this can be

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construed as cannibalism, it is in fact a way of recovering that all-important protein and it is stored in the internal organs known as fat-bodies. Thus the bees can use this recovered resource as and when required.

That is just the tip of the iceberg as far as a pollen shortage is concerned. Much more is going on in the inner sanctum of the beehive. Should things fail to improve, the survival of the colony is decidedly in jeopardy.

Even when things are going well for the bees, the presence of the varroa mite is a stress-inducing factor, as the breeding cycle of the mite is completed within a sealed cell along with a developing larvae.

Quite apart from the mite using the developing larvae as a breeding ground and as a food source (it punctures the rear end of the larvae and feeds on body fluids) it transfers viruses into the larvae one of which known as 'Deformed Wing Virus'. On emergence, the bee has deformed wings, rendering it unable to function as a successful inmate of the hive.

Many bees emerging in this state mean fewer house bees and conse-

quently less foragers. A colony in this situation is definitely going to be in a stressed state and the law of diminishing returns takes effect and the colony will die out.

What else can bring on stress? Nosema! This is a single cell microsporidian that is ingested by adult bees and it performs its nefarious activity within the mid-gut of the bee. Here, it competes with the bee for nutrition from foodstuffs consumed and as a result the bee never gets enough to eat. This leads to a shortened life-span, resulting in a colony with fewer and fewer occupants, which in turn alters the balance of the hive and consequently stressful conditions arise that can spell doom for any colony.

Of late, a new more virulent strain of nosema has appeared and much

could be written on this subject. Suffice to say it is a killer and it behoves all beekeepers to acquaint themselves with this parasite.

Does it cause stress? You can be sure it does, not only to the bees but to the beekeeper as well. Speaking of which, the beekeepers cause much stress through their regular inspections of colonies.

The honeybee is now in a fight for survival, and we as a species (humans) seem to be hastening their demise.

Agricultural practices are making life hard for many pollinators, the changing countryside is a desert as far as many creatures are concerned, so unless the process can be changed before it is too late (perhaps it is too late already) we will be the poorer for it.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Support group's cake sale

LA LECHE League of Vale of Glamorgan (Llantwit Major) Breastfeeding Support Group, is holding a fundraising event to buy more books and leaflets for the group library and support training costs for another breastfeeding counselor, on October 25 at 12.45pm-2.45pm in the Children's Centre, St Illtyd's Primary School, Llantwit Major.

Cakes, refreshments, raffle, bric-a-brac, Usbourne books, Phoenix cards. Donations of cakes and bric-a-brac gratefully received. Contact Trish Bennett on 01446 794411.

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The Glenbrook Inn opened in 1982 and its winning formula over the years has been based on the flexibility of being

independent and family-owned.

Liam O'Leary explained: "Originally, it was my grandparents' home and small holding, and was where my father Arthur grew up."

"In 1978, the A4231 Wenvoe to Sully Link Road was built, bisecting the land."

"The family then contracted award-winning licensed trade architects

to apply for planning approval to convert the farmhouse into a pub.

"The approval was

granted and the Glenbrook was built by my father and his brothers Joseph, Vincent and Peter."

The current restaurant, which has served thousands of meals over the last 30 years, is actually built on part of the old farmhouse!

Arthur, who supervises the family's other Vale establishment, The Cross Inn at Cowbridge, takes up the story: "On October 18, 1982, the pub opened and has since become an established facility for Barry and the local community."

For the first 10 years, it was run by Peter and his wife Joan – latterly Arthur, Vincent and Liam took responsibility for it.

Arthur stressed that part of the pub's success has been due to thinking one step ahead of competitors and providing the best environment for customers.

"The pub has won food and drink awards. It was the first pub in Barry to introduce a high-tech smoking area in January 1997."

"The pub has also won the Barry and Vale in Bloom awards in the Vale eight times during the last 12 years."

Liam emphasised: "Over the years, we've earned a reputation for excellent quality, home



The children's play area and gardens.

made fresh food, along with good ales, wines and beverages.

"Our aim has been to provide a community hub – a place that welcomes families for meals, people who want to have a drink with friends, and organisations like church groups or social clubs that want a friendly meeting place."

The Glenbrook's service to the community includes transforming the car park into a polling station in national and local elections!

Arthur explained: "We've also got a large sports following. We started off with a football team back in 1982, and The Glenbrook Inn now has football, basketball, skittles and cricket teams."

"Customers also like being able to watch Sky Sports daily."

Quizzes take place

every Thursday evening in the lounge and every Sunday in the main bar, with a selection of prizes on offer – including a £50 jackpot.

Liam stressed that the award-winning food was a bedrock of what the pub has always offered.

"We offer a wide selection of bar snacks and restaurant meals that often receive great reviews, and if something is not on the menu, our cook is very adaptable to meet a customer's requirements."

"Our Sunday lunches are served between 12pm and 4.45pm and are made from fresh ingredients, and complemented by our home made gravy."

The pub has extensive, maintained enclosed gardens, a beer garden with an adjacent children's play area and function room, which is a popular facility for christenings, weddings and funeral wakes.

Liam said: "The pub has a wide range of beers and lagers with the majority of well known brands at £2.50 a pint."

"We are one of only two outlets in Barry to serve Peroni premium lager and the only one to offer a fine Czech lager called Kozel."

"To celebrate our 30th anniversary this



Barry's popular Glenbrook Inn was built on the site of the O'Leary family's old farmhouse.

Supporting Barry's local fundraising events...

THE Glenbrook Inn's reputation as a community pub was demonstrated by the recent fundraiser for young mum, Vikki Roberts.

It is one of numerous charity events the pub has held over the last three decades.

Local people wanted to send Vikki and her children on a holiday, after Vikki had struggled through a particularly difficult year health-wise.

Liam O'Leary told The GEM: "What a day we had: Children and adults from Palmerstown, Cadoxton, central and west end Barry, Dinas Powys and Penarth, congregated in the grounds of the public house to give their support to Vikki."

"We think that throughout the day, between 900 and 1,000 people turned up!"

"The Glenbrook Inn events team organised pitches for an array of stalls, which included cakes, a coconut shire, books, and face painting."

A barbecue was also held.

"Outside entertain-

ment on an external stage in the gardens was organised by Pukka promotions, and featured some talented singers."

"People enjoyed tug of war and the kids enjoyed the bouncy castle."

"The Glenbrook team also organised a prize draw, and finished with an auction which included a signed boxing glove donated by Enzo Macrinelli, another from the Olympic Boxing Team, a signed football and 2012 football shirt donated by Cardiff City Football team, and rugby balls signed by Cardiff Blues and Gwent Dragons."

The event raised a total of £3,129.00.

The Glenbrook emphasised that a number of parties had also offered their services and assistance on the day, including Bridgend Butchers, the Selby brothers, the GB Olympic Boxing Team, St David's Hotel & Spa, Chuckles Bouncy Castles, Anthony's Bouncy Castles and the Mayor of Barry, Coun Les Sward.

The Glenbrook plans to hold a special presentation evening for Vikki and the family on Saturday, October 27.

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Unique collaboration for the arts in south Wales

A BRAND new collaboration that aims to bring more arts development and programmes to south Wales, ArtsConnect, has seen four local authorities come together to deliver arts on a regional level.

By joining forces, sharing resources and working together, they aim to extend and enrich the opportunities offered to audiences, residents and communities – from household name stage shows to local talent, laugh out loud comedy and exceptional development programmes that let rising stars shine.

Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf, and the Vale of

Glamorgan councils officially launched this initiative on October 11 in a special event which sought to display their achievements to date – including a very special premiere of 'It's My Shout', which is a DVD that has been created by young people from across the ArtsConnect regions.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including the First Minister for Wales, Carwyn Jones, Professor David Smith (Arts Council for Wales chair), George Jones, (ArtsConnect chair) and cabinet representatives from the four councils.

First Minister Carwyn Jones AM for Bridgend, said: "This project shows how the arts can continue to be part of people's lives despite the pressure on



public budgets. "It is great to see all these different organisations coming together to continue providing arts services to their communities."

"It shows their determination to retain and improve these services, and by sharing resources, make the money they do have go further".

LEFT: First Minister Carwyn Jones.

Attendees were treated to a flash mob performance from Rhondda Cynon Taf's 'Take Part' dance crew.

A spokesperson said: "Their outstanding performance was testament to what can be achieved when local talent from people of all ages and abilities is nurtured and encouraged through innovative arts development."

The collaborative initiative in south Wales aims to increase the quality and range of arts experiences for people living, working in and visiting the region.

The spokesperson added: "As the four councils move forward together, they will hold more power to encourage bigger and better performers in to the region – and hold the key to ensuring that these will be at affordable rates for everyone to enjoy."

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From China to Barry... New manager returns 'home' to Dow Corning

Dow Corning's new site manager at Barry, Brian Austin, has had no trouble settling into his role

Mr Austin started work with Dow Corning at its Barry plant 20 years ago and his most recent role was out in China.

He will be working alongside Dave Ott for a handover period for the next month, before Mr Ott takes up his new position with the company in the USA.

He was welcomed by Vale MP Alun Cairns and they discussed the UK Climate Change Bill, which has the objective of reducing energy and carbon emissions across the country.

"Dow Corning has already made many



New Dow Corning site manager, Brian Austin (left) is greeted by Alun Cairns.

improvements on site and has invested significantly in reducing their emissions," Mr Cairns observed.

"As a community, we need to recognise how important Dow Corning is as a private business employer for us in Barry and the Vale.

"There are real challenges ahead for the management team and staff at Dow Corning, and I'm keen to help them continue their pursuit of excellence in safety and improved efficiencies at the site in Barry."

Reggae night for Marie Curie

ON Saturday, October 27, a reggae disco evening and raffle will be held at The Penarth Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth, in aid of Mari Curie.

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Welsh chat

A Welsh language and chat group meets on the last Thursday of every month from 8:30pm at the West

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Whether you are fluent, learning, or just want to brush up, all are welcome.

For more information, contact Anna on 07931849258.

Road works

TEMPORARY traffic control - Barry Docks Link Road, junction of Coldbrook Road and Argae Lane; Port Road, Barry, at the junction with Pencoedre Lane, Barry.

AM's surgery THE Vale of Glamorgan AM, Jane

Hutt, will be holding a surgery at Murch Community Centre, Dinas Powys tomorrow (Friday, October 19) from 4pm-6pm.

Penarth surgery

ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery at Tesco Superstore, Terra Nova Way, Penarth, from 1pm to 2pm, on Friday, October 19.

No appointment is necessary.

Craft/gift fayre

THERE will be a craft/gift fayre on October 20 at Brackla Community Centre,

Whitethorn Drive, Brackla, Bridgend CF31 2PQ, from 10am-3pm with free entry.

Refreshments will be available all day. We have lots of stalls and something for everyone.

Do some Christmas shopping, have a chat and a cuppa - all welcome!

Further information on 07532 152759.

Clairvoyance

CHRISTINE DAY will be holding a workshop for clairvoyance using flowers on Monday, October 22 (7pm-9pm) at Barry Spiritualist Church & Centre, Buttrills Road. Admission £3.

Society AGM

THE Llantwit Major Horticultural Society's AGM is to be held on Wednesday, October 24 in the Llantion Hall, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm.

A quorum of 30 members is required for this meeting to proceed. Any queries/apologies please contact the secretary Sylvia Geary on 01446 792087. The meeting will be followed by free refreshments.

Flower demo

ON October 24, Penarth Flower Arrangement Club is

holdings its last demonstration evening from 7.30pm.

The demonstrator is Janet Graham from Aberavenny, whose theme is 'Pots and Props' at the Masonic Hall, Stanwell Road, Penarth.

Further details from Ann Dobbins on 029 2070 3605.

Gardening club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held on Thursday, October 25 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, when Claire Breward will talk on 'Preparing a Festive wreath' and other decorations.

New members welcome.

Coastwatch benefit

NELL'S POINT Barry Island Coastwatch are holding a fundraising evening of entertainment with the Barry Male Voice Choir at the Barry Island Community Centre on October 26 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £5, available at the door, or on 029 2059 2621.

Nell's Point is manned by a team of fully-trained volunteers, providing a daylight coastal watch 365 days of the year, totally dependent on support from the community.

Coffee morning

THERE will be a coffee morning at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Trinity Street, Barry on Saturday October 27 between 10.30am and 12.30pm in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer.

October is Cancer Awareness Month. Entry is £1 to include tea/coffee and we have a variety of stalls selling home-made speciality breads, cakes, savoury and fruit pies, pickles, relishes, Christmas cards, candles, decorations and a raffle.

Pot holes

THE Vale Council's

potholes campaign, The BIG Fill, will be in Cadoc ward, Barry, on the weekend of October 27-28.

Residents can report potholes in Cadoc between October 22-26.

Beach watch

ART4U Community Arts Group are holding an event to celebrate the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain - with an illuminated installation on the beach and hot soup on Sunday, October 28 from 5pm at The Knap Pebble Beach, Barry.

Alternative Hallowe'en

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service on Sunday, October 28 at 10am on the theme of 'Jesus the Light of the World'.

The worship will be suitable for all ages and refreshments are served after the service. All are welcome.

If you are looking for an alternative Hallowe'en event, why not try the Hallelujah party at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, October 31 from 5pm-6.30pm?

Food, traditional games, craft activities, music making. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite character.

Accompanied children of all ages welcome; admission free.

Buddhist talk

ON Friday, October 29 at Friends Meeting House, 87 Park Street, Bridgend, CF31 4AZ, there will be a talk by Buddhist Lama and teacher Lama Samten on how to cope with difficult emotions.

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CALENDAR GIRLS TO GET AN EXTRA DATE!

THE Dinas Powys players have announced an extra performance of the *Calendar Girls* - "owing to huge public demand."

The show is fully booked for November 8, 9, 10 at the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys, spokesman David Warne reported.

"There has been unprecedented demand for tickets to see the show, which is part of the aim of its producers to break into the Guinness Book of Records for the most productions

of a play in a year, at the same time as raising money for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

"The Dinas Powys Players are delighted with the public response to this very worthy cause and have arranged an extra performance of *Calendar Girls* on Wednesday, November 7 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Britway Road, Dinas Powys," he said.

For tickets, telephone 02920 512868, 02920 513619 or 01446 720073.

NCT nearly new sale

AN NCT nearly new sales takes place at Bryntirion Comprehensive School, Bridgend, on November 10, 11am-12.30pm.

Entrance/suggested donation £1/family. Baby/children's clothes, toys, equipment and maternity wear.

Sellers contact Julie on 01656 662564 to pre-register by Wednesday, November 7 or email nctnearlynewsales@live.co.uk

Helpers needed and donations, cakes and

raffle prizes gratefully received. Non-members are welcome to buy and sell.

The National Childbirth Trust Vale and Valleys branch (formerly Bridgend, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major branch) are raising funds to train four breastfeeding counselors and an antenatal teacher.

For more information, <http://www.nct.org.uk/in-your-area/southwales> Find us on Facebook. 'NCT Vale & Valleys'.

Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

27-28 October 2012



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Y Bont-Faen

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WARM WELCOME AWAITS VISITORS TO COWBRIDGE FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

by FESTIVAL CHAIR
JOHN DAVIES

IT has been my privilege to be the Chair of the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival for eight of its nine years, and I have watched it grow and develop each year.

It is very rewarding to know that the Food Festival is now regarded as one of the best festivals in Wales, both by the industry, and by the producers and exhibitors, who are incredibly complimentary about their visits here each year.

Working closely with the committee and event manager, we start working on the next year's event almost as soon as the last one has finished.

A huge 'thank you' goes to all our committee members for their help in the planning of this great event.

This year, we welcome Waitrose as our headline sponsor – they have been really supportive, and I look forward to seeing their amazing plans for their marketing presence in the main marquee.

The Welsh Government has again awarded us a grant and the Vale Council have also provided funds, as well as supporting us with waste management, equipment hire, event consultancy and parking requirements.

To deliver the event costs more than £60,000 each year, which is made up of this funding and sponsorship, as well as the gate and exhibition fees we receive.

Any surplus each year is put into guaranteeing the following year's event and developing the festival in future years.



ABOVE: Pictures from last year's festival - see more from last year on page 28.

This year, we've tried to address some parking concerns and hope that all exhibitors will park in designated areas, and not in the Town Hall car park as in previous years.

We've also moved the food demonstration area, which frees up the front area entirely for increased disabled parking.

The park and ride stops are now the town centre X2 stops, which we hope will increase footfall in town shops, and encourage more traders to hold activities during the festival weekend.

Our aim has always been to build on the amazing food heritage of Cowbridge and the Vale, and showcase this brilliant town, while

supporting small producers in difficult times by broadening their audience over a great fun weekend.

We select our exhibitors to give a wide choice of products, some of which you may not see every day.

Thank you again to all those who attend or help us over the weekend – marshalling, on the PA, organising activities to complement the festival, offering their car parks and generally supporting the event each year.

We look forward to welcoming you this year, and hopefully in the years to come.

MAYOR SAYS: 'Let's all have a good time!'

SATURDAY, October 27 sees the start of the annual Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival – 2010's National Tourism, Best Community Event award winner, boasting a growth in visitors from some 14,000 in 2009 to close on 30,000 in 2011 – a stand alone testament to the huge success and popularity of this wonderful event.

This has to be one of the main events of the Cowbridge calendar and

one that no self-respecting food and drink buff can afford to miss, with something for everyone, from the very youngest to the oldest.

I shall be hosting a reception in the Mayor's Parlour, including traditional Welsh cakes, Welsh cheeses, Welsh wine and Welsh whisky, for international Mayors, Town Twinning visitors, from Mouscron in Belgium, Fécamp in France and Rheinfelden in Germany, and visiting the Town Twinning Festival tent where exquisite food and drink from all these towns and

countries will be on sale.

Of course, this is just a taster of the many, varied and wonderful stalls and tents which make up the whole festival – not to mention the multitude of exquisite shops and boutiques, restaurants, coffee bars, and much more to enjoy. Why not make a weekend of it and stay at one of our local bed and breakfast establishments or spoil yourselves with a

weekend break at the famous Bear Hotel for a real treat? Take your time and visit the many ancient monuments and historic buildings, including the Cowbridge Physic Garden, at your leisure?

There is just so much to see and do around Cowbridge and Llanblethian village.

Such an exciting weekend for us all and I

would like to extend a HUGE, WARM, WELSH WELCOME to all, to come and join in the festivities and, hopefully, we will break all the records once again. But, more importantly – LET'S ALL HAVE A JOLLY GOOD TIME!

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WHAT'S ON AT THE FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL...

Saturday, 27th October

Time	Event	Info
9.30am-5.30pm	Festival and Cheese & Wine Marquees	North Road (ticket office & marquee)
9.30am-5pm	Craft Fair	Vale Forge, North Rd
9.30am	Charles Reardon-Smith, Oxford Wine Co	Town Hall
10am-4pm	Face Painting	Kids' Zone
10am-4pm	Kids' Zone - craft activities & comps	Nominal charge for materials used
10am-5pm	Festival Fringe - including kids' workshops!	The Old Hall Annex & Gardens
10am-6pm	Champagne Marquee & Bar	Everyone welcome, North Rd
10.15am	Richard Johns - Arboreal, Cowbridge	Presented by Frances Donovan
10.30am	Solano Pena Lenzi	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
11am	Circus Skills Workshop	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
11am-11pm	Real Ale Festival	Vale of Glamorgan Inn
11.30am	Mark Levison, Louis Roederer Maisons	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
11.30am	St Clare's School, Porthcawl	Presented by Frances Donovan
12pm	Magic Show	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
12.30pm	Alec Street, Wines from Adria Vini	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
12.45pm	Anand George - Purple Poppadom	Presented by Frances Donovan
1pm	Twmpath Workshop	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
1.30pm	Pablo Gonzalez Byass, Beronia Rioja	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
2pm	Balloon Modelling	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
2pm	Tina Moss - Cornerhouse Cookery	Presented by Frances Donovan
2.30pm	James Clark, Glenfarclas	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
3pm	Magic Show	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
3.15pm	Aum Rotjarin Scott - Thai Elephant	Presented by Frances Donovan
3.30pm	Mike Roberts, Wales Academy of Wine	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
4pm	Gem Cake Competition Judging	Kids' Zone @ Lesser Town Hall
4.30pm	Richard Arnold, Really Welsh/Calon Wen	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith

Sunday, 28th October

Time	Event	Info
9.30am	Charles Reardon-Smith, Oxford Wine Co	Town Hall
10am-4pm	Festival and Cheese & Wine Marquees	North Road (Ticket Office & marquee)
10am-4pm	Craft Fair	Vale Forge, North Rd
10am	Guy Nightingale, McKinley Vintners	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
10am-6pm	Champagne Marquee & Bar	Everyone welcome, North Rd
10.30am	Wayne Thomas, Canteen on Clifton Street	Presented by Frances Donovan
11am-4pm	Festival Fringe - including kids' workshops!	The Old Hall Annex & Gardens
11am-3pm	Face Painting	Kids' Zone
11am-3pm	Kids' Zone - craft activities & comps	Nominal charge for materials used
11am	Circus Skills Workshop	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
11am-11pm	Real Ale Festival	Vale of Glamorgan Inn
12pm	Karen Crews, Mysteries of Bordeaux Blend	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
12pm	Magic Show	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
12pm	Ali Haigh - Food Consultant, Waitrose	Presented by Frances Donovan
1pm	Twmpath Workshop	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
1.30pm	Pablo Gonzalez Byass, Beronia Rioja	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
1.30pm	Angela Gray - Llanerch Vineyard	Presented by Frances Donovan
2pm	Balloon Modelling	Entertainment Zone @ Barefoot
2.30pm	James Clark, Glenfarclas	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
3pm	David Lawal - Living Cafe	Presented by Frances Donovan
3pm	Pumpkin Competition Judging	Kids' Zone @ Lesser Town Hall
3.30pm	Richard Arnold, Really Welsh/Calon Wen	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith
4.30pm	Nicola Allison, Chateau du Seuil Graves	Presented by Charles Reardon-Smith

Festival's important role for Welsh food culture

There was high praise for the way the festival has grown from Vale AM Jane Hutt

She said: "I am delighted to welcome visitors to the Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival, which is supported by the Welsh Government."

"Food Festivals play such an important role in developing a Welsh food culture, which is recognised worldwide."

"The Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival is a major event in the festival calendar for Wales. Visitors to this fantastic event will also get to enjoy the wonderful attractions of the historic market town of Cowbridge."

Park and Ride to the festival centre!

A FREE park and ride scheme will be in operation throughout the weekend (daytime only) and this year will drop visitors right in the heart of Cowbridge town centre - at the existing X2 bus stops.

If travelling from the Bridgend direction, drivers will be directed by the new AA signs to the Llwynhelig Farm park and ride site.

From the Cardiff direction, motorists will be directed to the Cowbridge School park and ride site.

Buses and parking are free of charge and the service will run every 30 minutes from each site, returning at the same intervals.

A spokeswoman said: "Following comments that traders would benefit if visitors could alight the park and ride buses in the centre of town, the Vale Council has approved the use of the town centre bus stops on the High Street."

"It is hoped that this development will encourage more visitors into town centre shops, particularly if traders are offering special festival events or offers."

The timetable of buses will be clearly

marked and will go every half hour from each of the stops.

The Park and Ride sites remain the same: - Cowbridge School if travelling from Cardiff direction or Llwynhelig Farm, just off the A48 from the Bridgend direction.

The Park and Ride system remains free of charge for all, to encourage as many as possible to use this facility.

The spokeswoman continued: "The committee has also responded to feedback that the town hall car park should be freed for visitors to the town."

"This year, the front right-hand section will no longer be used for demonstration vehicles, and the Vale Council has agreed this will be used as increased designated disabled parking for the duration of the festival."

"Exhibitors will now be directed to other

parking sites and if they are found to be parking in the town hall car park, the penalty will be that they won't be invited to attend in 2013."

Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival event manager, Polly Wilson, said: "Tweaks to parking and traffic arrangements are made annually, to ensure the festival runs as smoothly as possible for everyone involved."

"We are hugely grateful to the Health Centre, who are providing extra exhibitor parking sites this year, as well as the wonderful Cowbridge Cricket Club, who marshal the public parking in all weathers every year."

"A big thank you to everyone involved."

For more information on events, exhibitors and entertainment, visit www.cowbridge-foodanddrink.org

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A variety of champagne and prosecco, from £20 per bottle, will be on offer - as well as wine, beers, spirits and soft drinks.

There will also be a barbecue on site and live music with Aubrey and The Watchmen band. We advise that you get there early as seating is limited.

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The BHF is a major funder and authority in cardiovascular research and plays an important role in funding education, both of the public, and of health professionals – and in providing life-saving cardiac equipment and support



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There is also much that can be done to reduce the risk of heart disease by encouraging healthy eating, active living and reducing smoking.

In its 50th year, the BHF launched the 'Mending Broken Hearts Appeal'. The goal is

simple: to fund the research that could begin to 'mend broken hearts' in as little as 10 years and save and improve the lives of millions within decades.

A key aim is to create 'Heart Towns' and 'Heart Counties' across the UK.

Being a 'Heart Borough' ensures: delivery of play equipment to schools across the Vale; launching a health at work initiative for employers and workplaces; providing a wide range of healthy lifestyle booklets at council premises; and annual events in the community to support the work of the British Heart Foundation.

The Mayor of Vale, Coun Hacker, said: "The Vale Council is delighted to work with the BHF.

"We are committed to improving the health and wellbeing of all people within our community and are pleased to support the BHF in encouraging healthy lifestyles."

Sharon Owen, fundraising manager for the BHF, explained: "The next few months will see a number of activities to celebrate the healthy borough campaign – with plenty of opportunity for people across the Vale to take part.

"We are delighted to have been chosen to become Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival's charity this year!"

For further information, contact Sharon Owen on 02920 382408 or email: owensh@bhf.org.uk.

Not just good food, there's some fine entertainment, too!

ALIVELY and varied array of family entertainment will be available in the Entertainment Zone at Barefoot Studio (www.barefootstudio.co.uk)

A festival spokesman said: "Our thanks go to Karen and Paula for the use of this space. "There is an extensive entertainment and workshop schedule on offer."

THE LINE-UP:

11am, **Circus Skills Workshop** (Simon Sparkles/The Magnificent John);

12pm, **Magic Show** (Simon Sparkles/The Magnificent John);

1pm, **Twmpath Workshop** (Fiddlebox);

2pm **Balloon Modelling** (Simon Sparkles/The Magnificent John);

3pm, **Magic Show** (Simon Sparkles/The Magnificent John) – Saturday only.

The ever-popular **Bird of Prey** (www.falconry-uk.org) will be back for petting and picture taking, as well as quirky catering provided by www.veedoublemoo.co.uk which will be serving delicious churros and other tasty treats!

The spokesman also revealed: "This year, we welcome **Play Aloud** to the Entertainment Zone.

"Play Aloud is part of an exciting three-year Big Lottery Funded Partnership that provides play opportunities for children and young people aged 5 to 14 years old.

"They will be providing information on their project, as well as holding activities over the weekend.

"Play Aloud works with communities across the Vale to run weekly play sessions, and aims to recruit volunteers to make these sessions sustainable. They could be coming to your area soon!

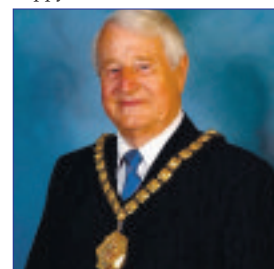
"On Sunday, October 28, one of Barefoot's resident practitioners will be holding two taster sessions in the studio.

"Specialising in food issues, Sue Pitman of Cardiff of **Hypnotherapy Solutions** will be exploring how our brain works; how stress and anxiety stops us losing weight, no matter how healthily we eat; the Cortisol effect; and finishing off with a brief relaxation session."

Each session will last approximately 30 minutes and will run at 12pm and 2pm.

The Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival

The Mayor of The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Councillor Eric Hacker, would like to wish everyone involved with Cowbridge Food & Drink Festival a happy and successful weekend.



Hoffai Maer Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, y Cyngorydd Eric Hacker, ddymuno perwythnos hapus a llwyddiannus i bawb sy'n ymwneud â Gwyl Win, Diod a Bwyd Celtaidd y Bont-faen.

Street entertainers

TO add to the festival's carnival atmosphere, as well as the children's entertainers, musicians will be meandering through the town and in the marquees – adding delight to the vibrant pageantry.

Returning for another year will be Fiddlebox, the roving violin and accordion duo (www.helenadam.com/fiddlebox).

Over the weekend, they will be joined by several quirky combos, including 'Gaudy Orde', 'Sneaky Earnest', 'Thoby Davis' and 'The Flip Flops' courtesy of www.setholiver.co.uk

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Talk and taste at the Cowbridge Town Hall

**Saturday,
October 27**

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THE multi-award-winning Oxford Wine Company has shops in Oxford, Tetbury, Cirencester and Standlake.

A selection is available at RB's, High Street, Cowbridge. They have kindly secured all the great speakers at the festival and supplied many of the tasters.

A local boy, Charles Reardon Smith has the Advanced WSET qualification and started enjoying wine when his

mother was running 'Off The Beeton Track' at 1, Town Hall Square, Cowbridge.

10.30am – Solano Pena Lenzi – EL Supremo, The New Wines of Argentina-Hispania Ltd
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11.30am – Mark Levison, Louis Roederer Maisons Marques A Grand Marque Champagne – Roederer

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12.30pm – Alec Street – wines from Adria Vini, Piemonte, Italy (sponsored by The Bush Inn, St Hilary)

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1.30pm – Pablo Gonzalez Byass Beronia Rioja (not just sherry, sponsored by Bar 44 Tapas Bar, Cowbridge and Penarth)
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3.30pm – Mike Roberts, Wales' Academy of Wine

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4.30pm – Richard Arnold Really Welsh/Calon Wen

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Sunday, October 28

9.30am – Charles Reardon Smith, Oxford Wine Company, Wines of Argentina, Solano Pena Lenzi – EL Supremo – Hispania Ltd

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10am – Guy Nightingale, McKinley

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1.30pm – Pablo Gonzalez Byass (SEE ABOVE).

2.30pm – James Clark, Glenfarclas single malt scotch whisky (SEE ABOVE).

3.30pm – Richard Arnold, Really Welsh/Calon Wen (SEE ABOVE).

4.30pm – Charles Reardon Smith/Nicola Allison, owner,

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FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS

Come and join us at the Festival...

THE food demonstration area this year will be to the rear of Xantippe on North Road – directly opposite the main marquee site.

A festival spokeswoman said:

“Thanks so much to Sarah and John for the use of this brilliantly central site”.

The schedule offers a wide variety of interesting and fun demos to suit all palates and levels of ability.

Attendance is free of charge including any information sheets and tasters.

Saturday, October 27.

10.15am – Richard Johns, a sous chef at Arboreal restaurant in Cowbridge (www.arboreal.co.uk), will be opening the day.

Arboreal has attracted attention for its imaginative fusion of Middle Eastern flavours and locally-sourced ingredients.

Richard will explain the thinking behind the restaurant's new winter menu, and cooking some of the standout dishes.

11.30am – St Clare's School, Porthcawl (www.stclares-school.co.uk)

This demo is a chance to discover ideas for child-friendly culinary creations from a chef of St. Clare's School in Porthcawl,

who will cook up healthy, inexpensive meals that keep children's concentration up, and hunger at bay.

St Clare's is an independent day school for children aged two-and-a-half to 18 years in Newtown, Porthcawl.

12.45pm – Anand George of the Purple Poppadom (www.purplepoppadom.com)

Chef Anand George, the founder of the Welsh Curry House of the Year award-winning Purple Poppadom restaurant in Cardiff, will be demonstrating his innovative art of 'Nouvelle Indian Cuisine.'

This year, he is presenting a masterclass on his award-winning 'Tiffin Sea Bass' dish.

Visitors will also receive a free recipe leaflet to help to re-create his intriguing creation at home.

2.00pm – Tina Moss, Cornerhouse Cookery (www.cornerhousecookery.co.uk)

Tina Moss from Cornerhouse Cookery school will be demonstrating the sort of dishes you can learn in one of her popular classes, held in Whitchurch, Cardiff.

Among the treats on offer are the easiest, quickest, most moreish garlic flatbreads – using a surprising ingredient – and carrots, onions and chillis have never tasted so good together in

Tina's delicious savoury feast.

3.15pm – Aum Rotjarin Scott, The Thai Elephant, Cowbridge (www.thaielephantcowbridge.com)

The Thai Elephant restaurants in Cowbridge and Swansea are run by husband and wife team Chris and Aum.

They strive to bring to their customers an authentic taste and feel of Thailand, with chefs trained in some of Thailand's top hotels and restaurants

Sunday, October 28

10.30am – Wayne Thomas, Canteen on Clifton Street (www.canteenoncliftonstreet.com)

Wayne Thomas is co-chef and co-owner of Canteen on Clifton Street in Cardiff – a vegetarian restaurant that has taken the city by storm.

Since opening, Canteen has been nominated for numerous awards, including being shortlisted for the Vegetarian Society Award for best vegetarian food in both 2008 and 2009.

12pm Ali Haigh, Food Consultant, Waitrose (www.waitrose.com)

A company spokesperson said: “We're here, come and join us! Waitrose is very

excited about opening its new store in Cowbridge, so why not come and celebrate with us at our stand?

“There will be food tastings to try and local suppliers to meet.

“What's more, consultant chef Ali Haigh will be demonstrating one of our favourite Waitrose recipes.”

1.30pm – Angela Gray, Llanerch Vineyard Cookery School (www.angelagrays.co.uk)

Angela Gray will be sharing a few best-loved recipes from her lunch club and Saturday morning kitchen sessions at Llanerch Vineyard Cookery School.

Expect a feast of seasonal goodies, culinary chat, including the latest news from her regular segment on *The One Show* with Jay Rayner.

3pm – David Lawal, Living Coffee, Verity's Court, Cowbridge

David grew up cooking with his grandma on his family farm in Inverness, Jamaica. For this year's Food and Drink festival, he will be showing how to make one of the island's favourite dishes – curried goat served with rice and peas.

The dish will be available throughout the festival from Living Coffee, in Verity's Court (behind Arthur John's).



TINA MOSS.



The familiar sign of Living Coffee, run by David Lawal.



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Activities will include dreamy delights – delicious cupcake decorating, salt craft – Halloween-themed salts with CHAM, and a craft table with mask and card making.

Venture Cardiff will be showing off their studio work – offering complimentary mini shoots, taking pics of your lovely creations, as well as

finding the 'Face of the Festival' and information on their special offers.

Please note: activities may have a nominal charge.

Competitions

ON Saturday, October 27, the competition is to create a cake that incorporates the word 'GEM'.

This will be judged at 4pm and cakes must be collected by 5.30pm when the venue will close (cakes will not be tasted and will be judged on appearance alone).

On Sunday, we again invite your carved pumpkins ready for your Halloween celebrations.

Judging will take place at 3pm and pumpkins must be collected by 4pm when the venue will close.

Both competitions are kindly sponsored by The GEM, who will be providing prizes for first, second and third.

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Other activities

HUBCOWBRIDGE will be providing children's workshops, firing up a community cob oven and offering a food 'fringe' in support of the main events at the 2012 Cowbridge Food and Drink Festival.

Based in the Old Hall college annexe, two-hour children's workshops will be offered, alongside stalls and displays from small local suppliers including:

Riverside Market Garden – local organic veg boxes; food projects; local artists; crafters and makers.

WI (country market) – providing teas/coffee/cakes.

Out to Learn Willow – selling lovely food baskets and lots of hands-on weaving activities for adults and children.

Cowbridge Radio – our new community station broadcasting live from the annexe!

Town Hall Museum – 11am-4pm on Saturday of the festival – a wealth of military and domestic remains unearthed by Cowbridge archeological digs as well as the very very historical prison cells.

The Physic Garden – on the site of the old grammar school, to the rear of the Old Hall, is maturing beautifully and worth a visit at all times of the year.

Here you can see a re-creation of the historical garden, with many plants thought to have a medicinal nature, as well as rare beauties such as cowslips.

Real Ale Festival (Vale of Glamorgan Inn) – will be offering a vast range of real ales, lagers and ciders.

The event is as old as CFDF and continues to go from strength-to-strength, with marquees at the rear of the pub to accommodate the thirsty customers.

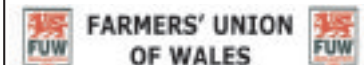
Live music and food is also on offer throughout the weekend.

Craft fayre (The Old Wool Barn and North Road) – The Old Wool Barn's collection of professional artists will open to show their work in their workshops.

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Vale of Glamorgan Twinning Association host their own marquee near the town hall car park.

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The VGTA also offer more local delicacies.

The Bear Hotel is holding a huge range of activities over the festival weekend.

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visitors from an ever-widening area as the word spreads.

The organisers are confident that this year's Food & Drink Festival will be every bit as successful and will further enhance its growing reputation.



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'Vale's new LDP will set out plans for the next 15 years'

In recent correspondence with the press, Alun Cairns MP refers to the minutes of meetings with Welsh Government civil servants in discussions about the deposit LDP.

These minutes have been disputed with the councillors present, who do not agree with the content. It is clear that the civil servants in the Welsh Government have used their own phrases to describe what the Labour - Llantwit First coalition are doing with the LDP, as they try to

fit our actions to their formal set stages. However, these disputed minutes do not alter the fact that we are not building on the Tories' LDP. We have scrapped it and will be producing a new one. *The new LDP will set out plans for the development of the Vale for*

the next 15 years, so there is a lot to consider, and not just about housing.

It's about business development, transport, sustainability, protection of heritage and countryside and all the varied land uses in the Vale.

It would be very wrong of us to rush into making announcements before we've given the matter full and careful thought.

It's a shame that our political opponents have tried to use the fact that we are taking the matter seriously and giving it the time it deserves, to attack us.

When the new deposit LDP is produced I would hope that they will use their time and energy in making sure that everyone in the Vale has the chance to contribute to the new, clearer and much better consultation that will follow, unlike the last time when they produced their flawed and unsustainable plan.

During the election campaign, no-one in my ward, Iltyd, knew about the previous Tory deposit LDP or so-called consultation until we told them. This will not be the case when our plan is released for consultation.

Rhona Probert,
(Councillor for Iltyd ward)
GEM NOTE:
Our postbag was so swollen by letters on this subject that pressure of space has meant some have had to be held over until next week.

Problems in living up to a pledge

IREFER to the recent letters and articles in The Gem referring to Labour's manifesto commitment - to 'Scrap the Local Development Plan'.

I suspect the promise was not a lie: it may have had more to do with misguided rhetoric, self-deception, an unawareness of the planning profession's dominance, just plain ignorance, or short-term political advantage.

Any way you look at it, we at least deserve an apology (aka 'a Nick Clegg') and a few resignations.

I was equally appalled at the Conservative's attempts to ambush us with complexity and a lack of consultation regarding the draft Local Development Plan.

The Liberals' promise

THE LDP continues to take centre stage in local media and so it should: the Local Development Plan is the key document which will guide the development of our communities over the next 15 years.

It not only decides where development should take place, but what infrastructure such as jobs, transport, schools etc are needed.

I'm delighted that people in the Vale are concerned and want to be involved in discussions.

That's exactly why we campaigned against attempts to push through what we felt was such an unsustainable plan just before the May election.

The new administration has, since May, carried out a root and branch review of the work to date on the Local Development Plan.

Despite recent reports, letters and articles in the press, there is no truth in the comments that we are going back on promises made before the election.

At the time, we stated that we felt the Draft Local Development Plan was not sustainable. Our first action was to review the strategy put in place by the last Labour-led administration back in 2007, to underpin its development.

We found that still sound and very relevant, so we set about exploring how, in our opinion, the deposit plan had gone so wrong.

The key issue for me is that, whereas the strategy

itself is sound, there are questions to be asked as to how the draft LDP has interpreted that strategy.

We formed the view that it does not address shortcomings in infrastructure, and fails to deal with key issues relating to traffic growth and congestion.

We also confirmed our view that the consultation carried out was not satisfactory and far too complicated.

As cabinet member with responsibility for an LDP, I remain committed that the end product will address these concerns.

Developing a new sustainable plan takes a lot of work and involves numerous meetings, discussions and telephone conversations between council officers and Welsh Government officials as well as those between Coun Neil Moore, myself, and Welsh Government Ministers, to explore all the options open to us in putting forward an alternative and sustainable LDP.

We have also explored ways of ensuring that future consultation

is more meaningful, and easier for all those with an interest to get involved and to make their voice heard.

I read with interest the comments made through the press of those who support the previous administration in the Vale, who thrust the current deposit plan upon us.

Mr Alun Cairns, in particular, attempts to prove, by waving an unapproved note from a civil servant, that failed to even spell my name correctly, some sort of deceit on our part.

I can, however, assure readers that the plan that will be presented to the Inspector as our final version will not be the same plan.

It will be a sustainable, credible plan, which will take all views into account.

I am confident at that point people will agree that we did in fact scrap the LDP.

Coun Lis Burnett
(Cabinet member for regeneration, innovation, planning and transportation, Vale Council)

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01052/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of two bedroom detached house with associated car parking
Location:/Leoliad: Belgrave House, Factory Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanblethian

Conservation Area Consent / Caniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01051/CAC
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing garage
Location:/Leoliad: Belgrave House, Factory Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge

Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llanblethian

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01054/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: Roof repairs including eradication of rot and beetle damage, incorporation of new steelwork, maintenance hatches and new slate roof covering - re-submitted of previous approved application No. 2006/01618/LBC
Location:/Leoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Fommon Castle, Fommon, Barry

Grade I

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01055/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig: To erect a commemorative Blue Plaque relating to the history of 6 and 7, Church Street which were originally one house
Location:/Leoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: 6 and 7, Church Street, Cowbridge

Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01068/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Detached two storey building to provide ancillary office space
Location:/Leoliad: Land at the rear 33, High Street, Cowbridge

Affecting 33, High Street, Cowbridge, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Celsiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01024/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Proposed extension to the existing park to include for 15 caravan and 30 tent additional pitches and toilet block
Location:/Leoliad: No. 1 New Barn (Happy Jakes Touring Caravan Park), Flemington

Departure from Development Plan / Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2012/01025/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig: Construction of new single storey retail unit (Use Class A1) adjacent to Briscoe Cleaning Services.
Location:/Leoliad: Briscoe Cleaning Services, Cardiff Road, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 18 October, 2012

M. Goldsworthy, Operational Manager Development & Building Control, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry, CF63 4RT

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MPN's Paul Webster collected the trophy and said of the win: "Our reputation is very important to us and we are extremely committed to customer service. It's great to be recognised for all our hard work."

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Ramblers drink in magnificent views of Tintern Abbey

THE atmospheric beauty of Tintern Abbey was the backdrop when seven walkers joined Joy on a beautiful autumnal morning along the River Wye.

Viking long ships are said to have rowed up the Wye to Monmouth.

Being surrounded by hills with little road access, the river became a commercial waterway carrying coal, iron ore, charcoal, wood and stone to the Severn Estuary in flat-bottomed trawls which could have weighed up to 100-tons.

The footbridge that connected the wire-works to the railway led the group across the river from where they climbed gradually along woodland paths towards Offa's Dyke, an ancient monument which divided England from Wales and was constructed from Prestatyn in north Wales to Chepstow in the south.

They passed other walkers and dogs and, unusually, two Friesian cows that had evidently escaped from somewhere and seemed more startled by the presence of walkers than the

sheer drop at the side of the path.

Behind the Devil's Pulpit lay the remains of an old quarry that supplied the stone which formed the base of the pathways and an interesting old yew tree whose roots had grown out of pure limestone rock.

Having drunk in the views of the ruined Tintern Abbey in the valley below, they continued along muddy pathways to reach a meadow above Brockweir where lunch was enjoyed in warm sunshine.

Having descended to Brockweir and re-crossed the river into Wales, they tramped the disused railway track past an interesting sculpture by Neil Gow containing various carved creatures.

Tintern Old Station is now a recreational area containing the Circle of Legends – six life-sized sculptures carved mainly in oak depicting famous historical characters in the Monmouthshire area.

From the riverbank, they passed through Tintern village after what had been an interesting and enjoyable

stroll through history.

On October 20, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk in the Sirhowy Valley; contact Clive on 029 20654156.

On October 21, meet at 10am at Cogan for a six mile moderate walk at Cefn Onn; contact Pam on 029 20255102.

On October 23, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10 mile moderate walk at Penllergaer Forest; contact Terry on 029 20706315.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 20255102.

Joy Strangward

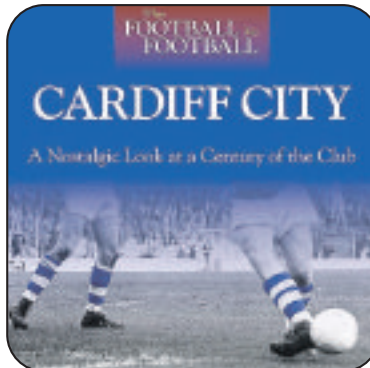
A nostalgic look at the flight of the Bluebirds

MANY books have been published about Cardiff City FC, but *When Football Was Football – Cardiff City* by Neil Palmer, and published by Haynes at £20, is one of the better ones.

The book charts the highs and lows of the club, with photographs from the Daily Mirror's picture library.

One of the highs was, of course, winning the 1927 FA Cup and quite rightly a number of pages are devoted to that great occasion.

Many of the legends of Ninian Park are fea-



'When Football Was Football – Cardiff City', by Neil Palmer.

tured, including Hughie Ferguson, Fred Keenor, John Toshack, Robin Friday, Trevor Ford – and the greatest of them all, perhaps, John Charles.

Charles played 66 times for the club scoring 19 goals in a two-year spell.

The Gentle Giant – as he was known – may have had his greatest days behind him when he came to Cardiff for £25,000 in 1963 but he still gave everything to the Bluebirds and was a real crowd puller.

The foreword to this coffee table book has been written by another Cardiff City legend, Phil

Dwyer, who writes: "I was born in the Grangetown area of Cardiff, and Cardiff City Football Club has run right through my veins all my life."

"From my early schooldays of climbing over the wall into the Bob Bank for nothing, and watching the likes of Ivor Allchurch, Derek Tapscott and the legendary John Charles, to my last-ever game for the Bluebirds in 1985, a home defeat to Notts County, this club will always be part of me."

And, no doubt, so say many other Cardiff City fans. **BRIAN LEE**

RECORDS BROKEN AT PLANT SALE

RIGHT: One of the flower displays at Penmark.



MAYBE the cold weather meant gardeners hadn't been able to grow their own plants, maybe it was just that the weather was so good, or maybe it was our story in The GEM – but we had a record attendance at our plant and produce sale in Penmark.

There were lots of plants of all sorts for sale. In fact, there were too many for the tables and we had a lot on the floor.

There was the usual good range of jams and a fine, selection of excellent cakes if, perhaps, not quite as many as usual.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves even when they were 'persuaded' to buy raffle tick-

ets, and anyone who needed a rest could get tea, coffee and a seat (as well as a free biscuit) before going on with their shopping.

Last year's sale raised over £600 – £200 more than our previous best; this year we broke that record by making £725 for village hall funds.

There were too many people involved to mention all the names, but the village hall committee is very grateful to the three people who did most of the organising and to everyone who helped and turned up to buy.

Remember, next year if you need plants, Penmark's the place to come for them.

GAVIN DAVIES
(Hon Sec, village hall committee)

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Rugby club celebrate 150 years with the company of friends old and new

OCTOBER 15 1887 saw Barry Rugby Club play its first game against Cardiff Harlequins, and so it was appropriate some 125 years later that the club celebrate the event with a dinner at Barry Memorial Hall last Saturday.

Some 200 members, sponsors and guests gathered to share an evening of exchanging memories, renewed friendships, which included the attendance

of members of North Berwick Rugby Club with who the club has links with since the late 1950s, and being wonderfully entertained by the two guest speakers, ex-Wales and British Lion player and later manager, Gerald Davies and Rick O'Shea from BBC's Scrum V.

The gathering were welcomed by club president, Mal Scott, who provided a background to the history of the club, the longest three minutes many can recall.

Following dinner and the

loyal toast given by Colin Ham, Steve Jones, ex-captain of the club, gave a toast to absent friends, which brought back many memories to those assembled.

It was then time for the official part of the evening, begun by Andy Humphreys, regaling both the audience and the main speakers with anecdotal tales of the past together with some surprising stories about the main guests in his toast to them.

Responding to the toast, Gerald Davies congratulated

the club on its achievement and proceeded to enthral the audience with a speech, not perhaps as expected, full of rugby stories, but linked to the way the game of rugby, and what it brings out of people, affects our lives in general, and the decisions we all have to make.

It is rare at a rugby gathering that speakers enjoy perfect silence, but on this occasion it was the case – great credit to a wonderful player and certainly in the eyes of the audience, a great orator.

To finish the evening, Rick O'Shea entertained the room with a host of tales and stories, which had everyone laughing both from his young days in Cornwall to his role on Scrum V.

Many a well known name came in for some flak, and Gerald Davies was in tears of laughter as Rick told his stories of his experiences with Irish broadcaster RTE.

And so the evening came to end, a night fitting for the occasion and one which should stay

in the memory of those who were there.

The club would also like to thank our toastmaster for the evening, Mr Allun Jones, who controlled the evening expertly.

Also, we must thank Becky Boffy and Ray Baker who ran the raffle and all those who kindly donated prizes – here's to 150 years.

ANDREW JAMIESON

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (RHOOSE LEVEL CROSSING) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	The highway that extends over the level crossing known as Station Road, from Torbay Terrace to a point 60m in a southwesterly direction to a point adjacent to the pumping station.
Reason	To allow for essential track maintenance works to be carried out
Duration	From 18.00hrs on Saturday 27th October 2012, for a maximum period of 18 months. However, it is anticipated that the closures will only be in operation from 18.00hrs on Saturday 27th October 2012 until 06.00hrs on Monday 5th November 2012, and again from 22.00hrs on Saturday 19th January until 06.00hrs on Monday 28th January 2013.
Alt. Route	Divisions for northeast bound vehicles shall be via Heol Y Pentir, Trem Echni, Pentir Y De, Porthkerry Road, Rhooose Road, Station Road and visa-versa.
Signing:	Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative route.
NB:	PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES BUT WILL BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED BY THE CONTRACTOR.

Dated this 18th day of October 2012.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD DROS DRO) (CROESFAN REILFFORDD Y RHWS) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1)(b) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob p'er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn a fydd yn cael yr effaith gyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr atodienni isod:-

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru modur yn y lleoliad a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Y ffordd ar adwaen fel Station Road, sy'n ymestyn ar draws y groesfan reilffordd o Torbay Terrace hyd at fan 60 medr i'r de orllewin a man arall gyferbynn â'r orsaf bwmpio.
Rheswm	Er mwyn gwneud gwaith cynnal a chadw hanfodol ar y cleddau.
Cyfnod	O 18.00 ar ddydd Sadwrn 27 Hydref 2012, am 18 mis fan bellaf. Serch hynny, rhagwelwn mai dim ond o 18.00 ar ddydd Sadwrn 27 Hydref 2012 hyd 06.00 ar ddydd Llun 5 Tachwedd 2012, ac o 22.00 ar ddydd Sadwrn 19 Ionawr hyd 06.00 ar ddydd Llun 28 Ionawr 2013, y bydd y ffordd ar gau.
Ffordd arall	Bydd traffig sy'n teithio i'r gogledd ddwyrain yn cael ei ddargyfeirio ar hyd Heol y Pentir, Trem Echni, Pentir y De, Porthkerry Road, Rhooose Road, Station Road a vice-versa.
Arwyddion:	Bydd arwyddion priodol dros dro'n dangos y ffordd arall.
D.S.:	BYDD MYNEDIAD I GERDDWYR AR HYD YR AMSER O DAN REOLAETH LEM Y CONTRACTWR.

Dyddiedig 18 Hydref 2012.

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwelff. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (UN-NAMED ROAD, TREE DELL, SIGINGSTONE) (ROAD CLOSURE) (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2012

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below: -

SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to proceed in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location	The un-named road, between Llantwit Major Road at grid 296313 171442 in a north easterly direction, to the village of Singingstone at grid 297219 171612. The actual closure is at 'Tree Dell' for a distance of approximately 230m. in a south westerly direction.
Reason	To allow for essential electrical improvement works to be carried out
Duration	From 8.30am on Monday 29 October 2012 for a period of 18 months. However, it is anticipated that works will be completed by 5pm on Saturday 17 November 2012.
Alt. Route	Divisions for south west bound traffic during the above closure will be signed from the point of closure in Singingstone village, in a northerly direction from Singingstone Village to the junction at grid 297173 172435 adjacent to Moorshead Farm, then turning left and proceeding in a north westerly direction to junction where this road meets the B4270 Llantwit Major Road, then proceeding in a southerly direction along the B4270 to the western point of the closure, and visa-versa.
Signing:	Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative route.
NB:	Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Dated this 18th day of October 2012.

M. E. Punter,
Director of Visible Services & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHYMYN (CAU FFORDD DROS DRO) (TREE DELL, FFORDD DDENW, TRESIGIN) CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG 2012

Bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan Adran 14(1)(b) Deddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwygiedig), a phob p'er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn ymhen o leiaf saith niwrnod ar ôl dyddiad yr Hysbysiad hwn a fydd yn cael yr effaith gyffredinol a ddisgrifir yn yr atodienni isod:-

ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd neb yn gyrru nac yn caniatáu i neb arall yrru modur yn y lleoliad a nodwyd yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Lleoliad	Y ffordd ddienw rhwng Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr ar gyfeirnod grid 296313 171442 a phentref Tresigin ar gyfeirnod grid 297219 171612, gan deithio i gyfeiriad y gogledd ddwyrain. Caeir y ffordd rhwng 'Tree Dell' a man sydd ryw 230 medr ymhellach i gyfeiriad y de orllewin.
Rheswm	Gwneud gwaith hanfodol er mwyn gwella'r system drydanol.
Cyfnod	O 8.30am ar ddydd Llun 29 Hydref 2012 ymlaen am gyfnod o 18 mis. Serch hynny, rhagwelwn y daw'r gwaith i ben erbyn 5pm ar ddydd Sadwrn 17 Tachwedd 2012.
Llwybr arall	Bydd traffig sy'n teithio i gyfeiriad y de orllewin yn cael ei ddargyfeirio o'r lle y mae'r ffordd wedi'i chau yn Nhresigin, i'r gogledd, at y gyffordd ar gyfeirnod grid 297173 172435, wrth ymyl fferm Moorshead. Bydd yn troi i'r chwith yn y fan honno, ac yn symud ymlaen i'r gogledd orllewin nes cyrraedd y gyffordd â Ffordd Llanilltud Fawr B4270, ac i'r de wedyn ar hyd yr heol honno (B4270), nes cyrraedd pen gorllewinol y darn o ffordd sydd wedi cau. Dilyniir yr un llwybr o chwith wrth ddod o'r cyfeiriad arall.
Arwyddion:	Bydd arwyddion priodol dros dro'n dangos y ffordd arall.
D.S.:	Bydd mynediad i gerddwyr ar hyd yr amser.

Dyddiedig 18 Hydref 2012.

M. E. Punter,
Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Gweladwy a Thai,
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg,
Canolfan yr Alpau, Gwelff. CF5 6AA.

Charity the winner at Wenvoe GC

THE Captain's Charity Day is best described as a 'fun' day, but a serious and unashamed aim of raising as much funds for the two nominated charities – George Thomas Hospice and Action for ME.

These very worthy causes will benefit by almost £3,000 as a result of more than 100 golfers competing for the individual and team prizes and along the way taking part in a number of mini side events including chipping and putting challenges.

During the course of the round players took on challenge after challenge with the opportunity to pick up a prize.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors there were some excellent prizes on offer and this extended to the raffle which was very well supported.

The winning team of Craig Bartlett, Terry O'Grady, Mark Green and Danny Williams (Wenvoe Castle) took the honours with 122 points and will look forward to the use of a cottage in west Wales plus three rounds of complimentary golf at different courses.

The runners up on count back with 121 points were Sean Davies, Andrew Burton, Jordan Ivory and Rhys Ivory (Wenvoe Castle) and each received a golf bag for their efforts.

Third place went to Mark Costello, Tom Costello, Richard Brana and Bob Leach (Wenvoe Castle), again with 121 points, each receiving a top brand t-shirt for getting so close.

Wayne Adams, Jamie Griffiths, David Hayman and Sam Preston of Brynhill Golf Club scored well to reach fourth place with 117 points and each went home with t-shirts and umbrellas.

Winner of the individual prize with an excellent 42 points was Mark Costello of Wenvoe Castle who will look forward to the use of a top class Audi, but just for the weekend, and topped

up with an overnight stay at a secret hotel. Needless to say Mark received lots of offers to help him enjoy his success.

Up on count back with 38 points was Danny Williams (Wenvoe Castle) and he became the proud owner of a G15 driver.

Third place went to Rob Campbell, also on 38 points, and his prize of waterproof gear will be well tested in the current monsoon conditions. Nicholas Breen (Brynhill) took fourth place also on 38 points and won golf vouchers which weren't revealed for tax purposes.

Prizes were also awarded to the following winners of the various challenges:

Nearest the pin third hole (sponsored by Ian Williams Ltd) – Deri Ap Hywel, whose team were each presented with T-shirts. Nearest the line eighth hole – Tony Weekes; Nearest the pin ninth hole – Naran Rupalia; In the fairway circle 12th hole – John Sparkes; Nearest the pin 15th hole – Nick Caulfield; Nearest the pin second stroke 18th hole – Chris Khan; Putting Competition, 10 strokes over six holes – Nigel Price; Chipping competition – Wayne Adams.

Club captain Norman Robbins was clearly delighted with the support he had received on the day and gave particular thanks to the sponsors. It was likely the two charities would receive almost £3,000, a figure which certainly had far exceeded his expectations.

The captain also thanked the head keeper and his team, Nicola Sims (club secretary), Simon Gatheridge (steward) and David Reis (head chef).

Special thanks were extended to Mike Froud and Mike Driscoll together with Barrie Jones (vice captain) who was responsible for organising the event supported by the ladies section and seniors section.

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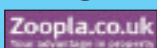
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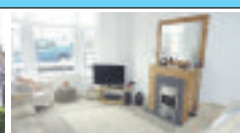
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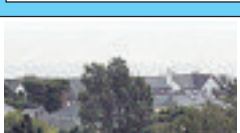
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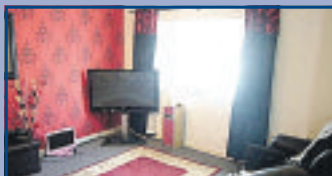
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Family Notices

REGAN

Terence David (Terry)

Peacefully after a short illness at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on 13th October, Terry aged 80 years of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved husband of Maria (nee Kelleher), loving father of Sue and Carol, father-in-law to John and Geoff and grandfather to Naomi, Richard, Huw and Laura.
Resting at W.A. Brown Llantwit Major. Funeral on Monday 22nd October in Our Lady & St. Illtyd's R.C. Church at 1.45pm followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if desired, may be sent to L.A.T.C.H. or British Heart Foundation c/o the Funeral Director (cheques only).

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Megan George

Megan's family would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages of sympathy and all who attended her Funeral Service, we were quite overwhelmed by the many who attended, thank you. We would also like to thank the Reverend David Brunning for a lovely service and all who donated to the Alzheimers Disease Society, thank you.

THOMAS Joyce

Bert, Lana and Patricia thank everyone for their messages, cards and flowers and for joining us at the crematorium for the Funeral Service.
Thanks to Reverend David Boulton for conducting a service befitting Joyce's personality. Thanks to Thomas Brothers for the professional manner in which the funeral arrangements were carried out.

BISHOP Reg (Errol)

Passed away suddenly at Exeter Hospital on 11th October 2012. Dearly beloved husband of Christine, will be missed by all his family and friends.
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EVANS

Anthony George (Tony)

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This is all very well if the vehicle is automatic, as these have a helpful anti-roll feature. The difficulty is when they're manual – they should all have anti-roll but it doesn't always seem effective, requiring nifty foot work of the clutch and accelerator. Hence, I still prefer the traditional handbrake that can be found in Skodas and Hondas.

Even the brand new 2012 Civic has a proper handbrake, as you can see by watching the video at testdrives.biz.

The Japanese manufacturer realises that it gives more control to the driver. In the latest Civic, it resides closer to the front passenger than the driver but nevertheless it's in a good position – far better than the Land Rover Defender I tested recently.

The ninth generation Civic, launched in February, stays true to its predecessor with more accentuated rear lights that protrude from the bodywork and an eye-catching black front grille.

But the cool triangular exhausts have sadly disappeared.

As ever, this Civic is aimed at those considering the bland Volkswagen Golf or Ford Focus. Compared to those two, it definitely stands out from the crowd.

Its five-door design retains that essence of sportiness more akin to a three-door by cleverly concealing the rear door handles in the same way as the old Alfa Romeo 156.

The aerodynamic design sees a bar across the rear windscreen, which impedes vision somewhat and calls for careful reversing.

Inside, it is spacious with a particularly good sized boot.

The 1.8-litre petrol engine is fairly responsive to drive as well, with good low-down torque, although when worked hard it can be a little raucous.

It took me a while to discover how to operate the cruise control and speed limiter buttons, which are on the right of the steering wheel. They are engaged by pressing the 'Main' button, which to me is not logical.

However, this system is reliable to within a few mph of the set speed, requiring extra concentration

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when approaching speed cameras, particularly when they're at the foot of a hill. This cruise control, which can be used at speeds as low as 20mph, works best when the desired speed has been reached. On a flat road it happily maintains progress.

Don't, whatever you do, though, use cruise instead of the accelerator, as progress can be sloth-

like. Its six-speed manual box is generally decisive. To ensure greater efficiency, there is 'eco' mode and a reliable automatic engine stop/start, both of which help this vehicle cover 500 miles on its 50-litre tank.

Parkers, the car experts, say: "One of the Civic's strong points is practicality. The boot is far bigger than its competitors' and there's loads of room inside, thanks to what Honda calls 'Magic Seats'."

"The Civic has been awarded a five-star EuroNCAP rating thanks to its plethora of safety equipment, including adaptive cruise control and collision mitigation – which applies the brakes if it thinks you're about to crash."

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RIISING Phoenix Taekwon-Do students recently undertook a grading in the presence of

Master Jeff Copp VII Degree Black Belt.

The grading is a demonstration of the students' skills in Taekwon-do, compris-

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Students are also required to have knowledge about the history of the martial art and must learn Korean terminolo-

gy, and were also tested on this as part of their grading.

It was a tribute to their hard work and dedication that all students passed their gradings and were awarded with their new belts and certificates.

Three of the club's students – Rhian Jones, Bethan Jones and Thomas Jones have been training with the club since it opened in Barry just over five years ago, (aged five, six and eight) and they are taking their black belt gradings at the beginning of November in a two-day grading, and the club wishes them every success.

The club instructors, Paul and Tammy Nurse, will also be taking their 3rd Degree Black Belt gradings at the same time, and Emily Gillingham will be taking her 2nd Degree Black Belt.

Rising Phoenix Taekwon-Do Club train twice a week – at Highlight Park Community Hall on a Tuesday between 6pm and 7.30pm and at The Hub, Barry YMCA, on a Thursday between 5.30pm and 7pm.

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Under-16 girls record away win at Caerphilly

VALE girls under-16s travelled to play Caerphilly Ladies on a wet miserable afternoon, but the game was played in a good spirit.

Vale attacked from the start, putting Caerphilly under early pressure, and Emily Gillard was on hand to score after only three minutes.

Caerphilly had a spell of pressure, but Georgia Atkinson made a good run down the left wing and crossed the ball for Emily Gillard to score her second after 10 minutes.

The game was fairly even until Chloe Jones, who was having a fine game, scored the third with a superb shot from

10 yards. The second half started in very heavy rain and Caerphilly were much improved, but the Vale defence stood firm, with Niamh Teague outstanding.

Caerphilly did score after 43 minutes but then the Vale girls took control and Chloe Jones hit another fine shot from 30 yards which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Vale girls were now well on top and after several attacks came to nothing, Shelby Richards broke away and scored the fifth goal with a fine shot.

The next 10 minutes were fairly even and Caerphilly had several attempts but the Vale defence stood firm. After 65 minutes, a good move by Georgia

Atkinson and the superb Chloe Jones saw another long-range shot from 30 yards by Emily Hill sail past a helpless Caerphilly keeper.

The two players to stand out in this excellent performance were Chloe Jones in attack and Niamh Teague, who had one her best games for the club.

Other club results: Under-12s – Vale Wanderers 0 Vale Athletic 1, Cardiff University 1 Vale Wanderers 4, Cardiff University 2 Vale Athletic 4.

Under-14 South Wales Cup – Troedrhwyf 7 Vale Girls 4.

CT

Vale Reds shine in tournament

THE Vale Reds attended their first pan-disability tournament of the season at Newport recently, and entered two teams in the over-16 championship and one in the under-16 league.

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Welsh stars ease pressure on Coleman with much-needed win as... DARK CLOUDS TEMPORARILY CLEAR FOLLOWING SCOTLAND FIGHTBACK

WITH 10 minutes remaining last Friday night at Cardiff City Stadium, things were looking very gloom for Wales manager Chris Coleman.

Then, Cardiff-born star and, many would argue, Wales' greatest ever product (see the poll on The GEM website), Gareth Bale took the game by the scruff of the neck and boot-ed Wales' 2014 World Cup qualifying campaign in to life.

After winning a penalty for a trip by Shaun Maloney (it was soft, but Wales should already

have had a spot-kick when Craig Davies was wrestled to the ground), Bale dusted himself down to send Alan McGregor the wrong way.

With just seconds remaining on the clock, the Tottenham winger sped off at top speed for the umpteenth time on the night and hit a swerving, dipping drive past the outstretched McGregor and in to the top corner.

The red half of the stadium exploded.

Suddenly, Wales were fourth in the table, four points off a qualification slot, and Chris Coleman wasn't so much of a hate figure.

by LEIGH GRUFFYDD SANDERS

The criticism hurled at Coleman has been slightly harsh. The players have visibly been hurting from the death of friend and manager Gary Speed last November, and it has taken them a while to overcome that loss.

Wales outplayed their also-much-maligned Celtic friends in a rain-sodden capital and should already have been ahead when Bale struck.

Steve Morrison somehow headed a Bale centre wide moments before his namesake James put the visitors ahead,

and former skipper Aaron Ramsey wasted the best chance of the night having run from halfway with the ball and firing wide instead of squaring to a flabbergasted Bale.

Yes, Scotland had a second disallowed, and although the ball didn't go out for a goal-kick before Steven Fletcher headed home, Charlie Adam was in an offside position when he received the ball to cross.

In the end the dragon awoke, thanks mainly to Bale's refusal to accept defeat. The 23-year-old continues to show he is one

of the best players in the world currently.

While the performance was not perfect, the creativity was much greater than recent showings. The midfield worked better, although the unwillingness to win a 50/50 challenge was worrying, while the defence handled the returning Fletchers, Darren and Steven, better as the night went on. Ben Davies certainly impressed in his debut.

Unfortunately, it was a return to recent normality in Osijek as Wales were outclassed in a 2-0 defeat to Croatia on a very boggy pitch.

Mario Mandzukic closed down Lewis Price's attempted

clearance following a poor Ashley Williams backpass before former Arsenal striker Eduardo pounced on a rebound for 2-0.

Had it not been for Price and Williams, it could have easily been six again, with Croatia also wasteful with their chances and a few comical goalmouth scrambles were thrown in for good measure.

Bale again was the star for Wales, and twice ran most of the pitch, the second bringing a good save from Stipe Petklosa.

Andy King's header saved on the line was the only other bright moment for Wales on a stale evening in the Balkans.

Barry Seconds in friendly win

BARRY Seconds welcomed their visitors Llandaff North for a friendly fixture after their league meeting with Pentyrch was called off.

Barry began the game at a ferocious pace and caught Llandaff North off guard, racking up the tries in the first 15 minutes.

Latvian international Mikus Ozols scored his first try for the club, before Alex Evans, Josh Flynn and Gwyn Elsworth all got in the act.

Ozols scored his second – a remarkable effort where he seemingly carried half the visiting team with him as he crossed the line, before he was taken off by a cut leg which later required stitches.

Despite their main strike runner off the pitch, and with Josh Westall in the sin-bin, Barry did not let up and scored further tries from Adam Lee and Nick Rolfe before half-time.

The story in the second half was similar, with most of the game played in the visitor's half and damage being done by a combination of direct running, strong forward play, and Joe

McCann's unerring boot.

Lee scored his second try, whilst Ryan Gooderham (two) and Luke O'Sullivan also crossed.

The final play of the game probably summed up the game, with McCann's boot putting the Llandaff North defence under pressure, substitute Ken Chow gathering the loose ball, Gooderham offloading through his legs to McCann, and his chip forward was gathered by O'Sullivan to bag his second. Chow missed the conversion to bring the score to 70-10.

Team: Lee; D Williams, Ozols, Gooderham, Evans; J Williams, McCann; J Thomas, Vidal, Elsworth; Flynn, Westall; L Jones, C Thomas, Rolfe (c).

Replacements: Houldey, K Case, Hewitson, R Case, Scott, Dix, Chow.

Man of the match: KC Ozols.

Bees enjoy derby win

ON a bright October morning Barry Bees under-10s made the short journey to Sully for an eagerly anticipated local derby.

Barry scored two early converted tries from Cole Saunders and Cian Anderson. Sully responded well but the Bees continued to dominate without hitting top gear, and the score at half-time was 21-7, after another try from Cian.

Barry were more focused in the second half, and Cole went over after a magnificent pass from James Chapman.

Sully responded strongly with another good try but the Bees controlled the remainder of the game, and Cole went over for two more tries.

Sully scored another try, before Cian finished the match in style to make the final score 47-21.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Rhys Lloyd, Charlie Bale, Eithan Watkins, Morgan Taylor, Stephen Williams, Cian Anderson, Spencer Williams, James Chapman, Cole Saunders, Robson Mallam, Joseph Nationston.

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NEW CAPTAINS READY AT ST ANDREWS GOLF CLUB

St. Andrews Major Golf Club recently held their AGM and elected a new club captain, John Lock and new lady captain, Dee Lloyd.

It was also the final meeting for club president Norman Weaver who steps down after spending 12 years in office.

Roger Parsons was appointed as the new president and in his acceptance speech thanked Norman for his years of service stating he would be a hard act to follow.

The outgoing captain, Neil Tipples, chaired the meeting and thanked the committee and members for all the support he had received during the year. This sentiment was echoed by the outgoing lady captain Yvonne Addison.

Neil also stated that the wet summer, which was the worst season he could remember, had caused havoc with the

fixture list and all credit to the competitions committee and members who managed to rearrange several competitions at short notice.

Dee Lloyd thanked Yvonne Addison for all her endeavours during her year as lady captain and looked forward to her year in office, hoping to emulate the achievements of past captains.

In his acceptance speech John Lock thanked Neil Tipples for all his efforts, stating that he was always there to help with handicaps, competitions or events, so much so that his wife calls St Andrews Major his second home.

John also stated that St Andrews Major Golf Club, in addition to the mens, ladies, juniors and seniors sections, has some excellent, well established societies which included the mid-week vets, crazy gang, Sunday swingers and west end boys.

In addition there are several smaller groups

who were 'born' and will develop at the club, so St Andrews Major has a lot to offer everybody, no matter what your age, gender or playing capabilities.

The club recently held its presentation evening where all the trophies for competition winners throughout the year were handed out. The junior section took special praise for their achievements, not only at St Andrews Major but also for their successes at

open competitions in other clubs.

The ladies section were commended for their support throughout the year and also for their sourcing and engraving of the trophies and the setting up of the evening itself.

Both John Lock and Dee Lloyd have chosen Ty Hapus as their captain's charity for the coming year and full details can be found on the members website: samgolfclub.com.

Barrivale Bridge Club results



THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are:

October 2: first – Mark Roderick and Mick Green, 67.14 per cent; second – Mike Close and Denis Mottram, 59.58 per cent; third – Vivien Liles and Hilary Laurence, 58.57 per cent. Vivien and Hilary won on handicap.

The above photograph shows a very relaxed Dave Reed and Bryn Gough, winners of the recent Nancy Malpas competition.

October 9: Session

one of the men's and ladies' pairs: first – Mark Roderick and Mike Best, 67.92 per cent; second – Jane Brook and Celia Thomas, 58.75 per cent; joint third – Denis Mottram and Huw Thomas and Mike Close and Mick Green, 57.62 per cent. Jane and Celia won on handicap.

New members always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join, call 01446 733425, or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Mike Bond

BARRY OVERCOME PENTYRCH BUT ARE ROYALLY BEATEN BY MONARCHS

PRIDE of place this week goes to one of our more mature players, Windsor Lewis – a player of considerable ability, but who spends so long trying to find the killer move that he often loses his match on time.

However, it is pleasing to note that at the Gambits' recent match against Pentyrch B he recorded a win when his opponent ran out of time. This is the first occasion that I remember this happening.

The Bombers have been our strongest team for many years and have finished in fourth place in each of the last two seasons.

They started this season with a

comfortable victory against Pentyrch A. Their second match was against the Cardiff Monarchs. The Monarchs topped the league after a surprisingly comprehensive victory in the first round of matches.

However, we would have expected to win this match if we wanted to be competing at the top of the league.

At short notice one of our players declared himself unavailable so a last minute substitute was needed.

Of note in this particular match was Nigel Ralph's game on board two that featured an exchange of a Queen for three pieces. He was unable to force a victory and had to settle for his usual draw.

On board three Lee Davis was

in trouble but his opponent missed a possible winning move and eventually sacked a pawn, allowing Lee to conjure up his second consecutive win.

Unfortunately, the other members of the team could only manage a draw between all three of them and the game ended with a 3-2 win for the Monarchs who retained their position as league leaders.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY, with matches starting at 7.30pm.

New players of all ages and standards are welcome.

Phil Jones
Club secretary

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Bronze joy for local riders



Left to right:
Sam Owen, Grace Dalton, Lauren Boyce,
Rebecca Sedcole and Sophia Harpin.

VALE riders Sophia Harpin and Grace Dalton, with their ponies Sky and Rolo, are part of the Welsh under-14 Mounted Games Association team.

They have returned home sporting bronze medals from this year's European Mounted Games Championships, hosted by Italy in August 2012.

On the weekend of May 5/6 all eligible riders were observed by the team trainer and selectors. The trials were to determine selection for the Welsh team.

Wales has an outstanding repu-

tation throughout the world for having world class games riders so selection for the team is an exceptional achievement.

The European Championships were superbly managed by the Horsebridge Club, Turin, in association with the Italian Equestrian Federation. This prestigious event was attended by 13 European countries.

Despite Sophia Harpin riding only three weeks out of plaster after a broken ankle and the team having to train and compete in the searing heat of up to 46 degrees, they were expertly put through their paces by trainer Wendy

Jones and deservedly earned their place on the podium.

Sophia and Grace are also active members of the Southerndown Riding club and Llangeinor Pony Club. They also enjoy the other disciplines such as show jumping, cross country and tetrathlon, but mounted games are what they are most passionate about.

They would like to thank Marion Elliot DC and mounted games trainer Jonathon Thomas of Llangeinor Pony Club for their training and support.

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Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do excel at 'Battle of Wales'



Pictured are: Back: Alan Evans, Jamie Halford, Keita Enfield, Morganne Gomez, Jones, Emily Halford, Mason Blackley, Thomas Haysham, Lucy Newman, Bradley Halford. Front: Cody Jacobsen, Jensen Rees and Cian Allen.

A SMALL contingent of competitors and spectators from the Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do travelled the short distance to Aberdare to take part in the Battle of Wales.

The tournament was hosted by Rob Taylor where competitors from all over the principality converged to take part.

Competing for the first time were Alan Evans and Mason Blackley. Alan was in one of the largest categories of the day and came away with second place in point sparring.

While giving a good account of himself, Mason lost to the eventu-

al category winner by just one point.

Ever-improving young Cody Jacobsen took second place in the point sparring, while at the same time on a different area, Cian Allen was on the mat and he came away with third place in continuous sparring.

As usual, Thomas Haysham was competing against bigger opponents of the same age category, just losing out by one point in the dying seconds of the point sparring. Not to be disappointed, he raised his game to take second place in the continuous sparring.

With her superior kicking ability, Keita Enfield fought her way into the final of the women's point sparring, taking the gold

and first place.

Jamie Halford showed his strength in the men's point sparring to once again take first place.

Having been taken into extra time three times, Morganne Gomez Jones was the eventual winner in her continuous sparring category. Morganne went on to take second place in the point sparring category.

Unfortunately, Lucy Newman had to pull out of her category due to injury, with Emily Halford just missing out on a podium place.

Taking first place in both is point and continuous sparring categories, Bradley Halford was, without doubt, the star of the day.

YOUNG RUGBY STAR 'PROUD TO BE WELSH'



UP-and-coming Cardiff Blues rugby star Rhys Patchell recently visited Cardiff and Vale College for a bilingual question and answer session to encourage young people to learn Welsh.

Rhys went to the college's Colcot Road site in Barry to be interviewed bilingually by two students, Amy Marsh and George Payne.

He talked about his life, career, his pride in being Welsh and in the Welsh language. Rhys also spoke of his passion for Wales and his commitment to encouraging all young people to

develop their Welsh language skills.

He later took part in a question and answer session with Pathways to Apprenticeships Sport students. There he answered questions from "What would you do if you didn't play rugby?" (Rhys would be a teacher), to "What went wrong last week?"

The Q&A was filmed for the college's website by digital media student James Huntley and tutor David Poole.

"Rhys answered all questions really clearly and had time for everyone," Cardiff and Vale College bilingual mentor Rhianwen Davies said.

"It was an absolute pleasure to have him with us."

Rhys with the Pathways to Apprenticeships sport students.

Under-7s in draw

IN pleasant autumn sunshine Cowbridge under-7s played just one match against a small Llanishen squad making their rugby debut.

However, any optimism that this would be a comfortable victory was quickly cast aside with Llanishen opening the scoring.

Cowbridge eventually geared into action with Joe Davies weaving through the defence to score in the corner. Llanishen kept the pressure on but Joe Arentsen found a gap and sprinted for the line to score, and James Collingridge powered through the defence and cut in to score the third Cowbridge try.

Llanishen proved adept in attack as well as defence and Cowbridge unsurprisingly found themselves trail-

ing 3-5 at half time.

The second half started very well for the team when Osian Bruce had a phenomenal burst of speed down the left hand sideline to score straight from the kick-off.

This started a purple patch for Cowbridge with three more unanswered tries and excellent tagging.

A good run from Ben Stephenson allowed Osian to score his second try. Henry Whitehouse picked up the ball after tagging his opponent and sprinted from the halfway line to score, and sustained team pressure allowed Sam Jackson to score in the corner.

Clever substitutions from Llanishen enabled them to get back into the game, but an effective run by Henry enabled Osian to bring up his hat-trick. **Final score: 8-8.**

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Barry RFC ladies fail to avenge earlier league loss

BARRY Ladies travelled to Penallta with realistic belief that they could overturn their earlier league home defeat by the Miner Birds.

The first 10 minutes confirmed this belief as they took the game to Penallta with intelligent line kicking from No10 Rees and resolute defence.

This was typified by No3 Richards making a

last ditch tackle near the Barry line, knocking the ball forward.

However, on 12 minutes the Bombettes were soon to realise the importance of missed tackles, as with only one came the home side's first try.

This spurred Barry onto their best period of the game, as they drove at the home side. After several home infringements, Barry found themselves encamped in the Penallta 22.

From a tap penalty in front of the posts Boffy surged forward only to be held up just short.

These next phases, where Barry were held up over the line three times, surely contributed to the home side's confidence. From the sidelines, one of the drives looked certain to have seen the ball grounded, but the referee, unsighted, couldn't give the score.

This was an opportunity lost and from a surging run from the Penallta No8, the home side scored again.

This seemed to knock the confidence of the Bombettes, who started to miss first up tackles. Three scores later by the

speedy Penallta backs, led to a half-time score of Penallta 27, Barry 0.

Special mention goes to debutant Sarah Evans and Morgan in the powerhouse second row, who bravely battled to hold their own scrum ball.

This resulted in No8 Cole having to stay down in the scrum just to secure possession. Changes were made with Phillips resuming her hooking duties allowing Cahill to move back into the second row, with Morgan taking a rest.

The second half started with the coaches' advice ringing in their ears. A quick Penallta try and conversion effectively killed off any thoughts of a miraculous comeback and Penallta

scored converted tries again, almost at will, out wide.

However Barry, to their credit, kept going and following a powerful run from No12 Jones into the Penallta 22, Barry scored a deserved consolation try.

The Barry forwards drove and set up a good attacking position. Quick ball from No9 Bannister saw K Jones power over. This delivered the biggest cheer from the coaches and travelling support.

Kath Jones and Britton came on, with the latter putting in a couple of crunching tackles.

Following another Penallta converted try, the referee curiously called the game early.

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CARDIFF AND THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD PRESENTATION EVENING

FOR the first time, Cowbridge Comprehensive School hosted the annual Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Track and Field Presentation Evening – and the pupils and parents, who were visiting the Aberthyn Road site for the first time, were highly impressed with the quality of the new facilities.

This presentation is an opportunity to celebrate the success of individual pupils and school teams in a programme which starts with the SIAB Schools' Indoor under-16 and under-18 Combined Events International at Glasgow (in December 2011), takes in the sportshall programme in the spring term and the domestic track and field programme and School Games 2012 in the summer term before, this year, ending with the Aviva SIAB Schools' under-17 track and field international, hosted by English Schools at Ashford in Kent on July 21.

Helping to distribute the lengthy list of awards were Brett Morse, the GB international discus thrower, who competed at the recent Olympic Games in London, Ryan Spencer-Jones, a Welsh international shot-putter, who is the Welsh Athletics Club network officer for the area, John Penny, the president of Welsh Athletics, and Mrs Kath Elias, the chairman of Welsh Athletics, who is a former member of the PE staff at Llantwit Comprehensive.

Of the top three awards, only one came to a pupil with connections with the Vale. Anax Da Silva, a year-12 student at Cardiff and the Vale College, was awarded the Bob and Min Cypher Trophy, which also included a small bursary.

Anax is a talented sprinter, who has only been in the sport for just more than 12 months, but he represented Welsh Schools twice in 2011 and competed for the Welsh Athletics under-20 team in an international at Leckwith this summer. In his absence, the award was received by his college lecturer, Mrs Andrea Williams.

The other two awards were retained by the 2011 recipients. The Frank Ireland Cup for the outstanding athlete – a trophy presented by former Cardiff and Vale Schools president and Barry and Vale Harriers chairman Frank Ireland – was presented on the night by Brett Morse, who reminded everyone that he had received the trophy on two consecutive years when he was in the sixth form at St

Cyres.

He presented the Cup to sixth former Elliot Slade (Bishop of Llandaff), who had set new senior age group championship bests over 800 metres at both the Cardiff and the Vale Schools and the Aviva Welsh Schools National Championships, and who had gained a Welsh senior vest.

Cardiff High School retained the Overall Points trophy, for points gained in the eight championship sections.

A special plaque was awarded to the 24 pupils to mark their international selection, and nine of them were from Vale schools and colleges.

Joining Anax in the Welsh under-20 team was another year-12 student, Matthew Edwards. Because of the limited events at the international, the Barry Comprehensive sixth former competed over 1,500 metres rather than the 2,000 metres steeplechase event, which he won at the Aviva Welsh Schools championships.

Three of the nine Vale athletes were included in the SIAB Schools' indoor combined events international, which was held at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow last December. The trio were Matthew Collins (Barry Comprehensive, year-11), who competed in the under-18 section (years-11 and 12) and also represented Welsh Schools in the 400 and 4x400 at the School Games 2012 at the Olympic Stadium (in May) and the Aviva SIAB Schools under-17 international at Ashford, and under-16 team members and Cowbridge pupils George Griffiths (year-10) and Tom Trotman (year-9).

George produced the best ever performance by a Cardiff and the Vale pupil at the Aviva UK Sportshall Finals at Birmingham in April, finishing second in the under-15 all-rounder competition, before representing Welsh Schools at the Sainsbury's School Games 2012 in May. Tom, who also competed in those UK Sportshall Finals, represented Welsh Schools in the high jump event at Ashford.

Two Stanwell year-11 pupils gained international honours. Tom Williams will have been disappointed that injury prevented him from being on top form at those Aviva Welsh Schools national championships in early July. He had already competed at the School Games 2012 but missed out on selection for the SIAB match in late July.

His school-mate, Matteo Holmes, missed out on the one-per-event selection at the School Games but was included in both the hammer and javelin for the two-per-event SIAB international. Both pupils will look

to improve next summer in the sixth form.

Only two girls – both in year-10 – gained international honours.

Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit) rolled her excellent form over the country into her track performances over 1,500 metres, winning the Aviva Welsh Schools' middle title and claiming a bronze medal at the SIAB international at Ashford. Joining her in that SIAB team was Annabel Curle, who made significant progress in the high jump, the event in which she gained her international vest, the hurdles and in the combined events.

Congratulations to all the Vale pupils who received an award! Now look to improve in the next 12 months.

As an incentive to pupils in years 8 to 13, we can tell them that the Welsh Schools Nationals will be held at Cardiff International Sports Stadium on July 6, 2013.

At the end of the presentations to pupils,

there was a special presentation to a member of staff. Mr Dai Williams, who recently retired as Head of PE at Ysgol Gyfun Glantaf, followed in the footsteps of Hugh Williams and Glan Williams, both stalwarts of the Cowbridge PE department, by having his contribution to athletics in Wales recognised when John Penny presented him with a Welsh Athletics Meritorious Award.

At the end of a successful evening, Rob Graves (St Cyres), the Cardiff and the Vale Schools' Chairman, thanked a number of groups and individuals including the head-teacher, governing body and PE department at Cowbridge.

TEAM AWARDS – CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Capitol Shopping Centre Trophies: Senior (Under-20) held at Leckwith on Tuesday, May 1, Senior Girls: Cowbridge 219; Middle (Under 17) – held at Leckwith on Wednesday, May 3; Middle Girls: Cowbridge 285; Year-7 (Under-13), held at Jenner Park on Tuesday, June 28, Year-7 Boys: Bro Morgannwg 154.

AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS – 95 pupils, 37 from the Vale: SENIOR BOYS – 12: Matthew Edwards (Barry) 1500 4:06.26; James Graves (Bro Morgannwg) 110H 20.17 (2.0); Bradley Cole (Cardiff and Vale College) HT, JT 50.52, 50.26; Joe Green (St Cyres) Triple jump 12.39.

SENIOR GIRLS – 11: Bethany Hawkins (Bro Morgannwg) Triple Jump 9.09; Ellie Carter (Bryn Hafren) Shot 6.95; Coryn Sexton (Cowbridge) Javelin 20.69; Fiona Bray (Cowbridge) 3000 11:44.07; Imogen Harrison (Cowbridge)

Long Jump 3.90; Katie Wynn (Cowbridge) 800 3:28.70; Nikita John (Cowbridge) 1500, DT 5:37.30, 18.92; Rebecca Thomas (Cowbridge) HJ 1.30.

MIDDLE BOYS – 14: Matthew Collins (Barry) 400 52.52; Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg) 3000 9:58.64; George Connelly (Bro Morgannwg) Pole Vault 3.10; George Griffiths (Cowbridge) LJ, JT 6.01, 12.03; Joe Gaughan (Cowbridge) Shot 12.17; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) DT, HT 34.56, 43.30; Tom Williams (Stanwell) 100, 200 11.39(1.3), 23.39 (1.9).

MIDDLE GIRLS – 13: Tillie Carter (Bryn Hafren) 2000 Walk 12:58.49 CBP; Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) 80H, HJ 13.21, 1.55; Jessica Jaques (Cowbridge) 3000 11:42.98; Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit Major) 1500 4:57.82; Emily Gillard (St Richard Gwyn) DT, JT 18.73, 30.29.

JUNIOR BOYS – 15: Alex Love (Cowbridge) 800 2:17.44; Kristian Jones (Cowbridge) 80H 12.19 (-2.1); Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) High Jump 1.80; Alex Hill (Llantwit Major) Long Jump 5.04; Julian Boswell (Llantwit Major) Shot 10.22; Richard Dangerfield (Llantwit Major) Javelin 43.94.

JUNIOR GIRLS – 12: Megan Davies (Bro Morgannwg) Pole Vault 1.70; Faye Gibbon (Bryn Hafren) 75H 13.70(-1.2); Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 800 2:27.99; Sarah Rogers (St Richard Gwyn) SP, HT 8.04, 19.19.

YEAR 7 BOYS – 9: Harry Carter (Barry) High Jump 1.45; Joe Williams (Bro Morgannwg) Long Jump 4.63; Javen Horn-Jones (Llantwit Major) DT, JT 21.92, 29.50.

AWARDS TO 2012 SPORTSHALL WINNERS: Under-13 BOYS (6) held at Whitchurch Lower on 11/01/12: Dan Bunney (Cowbridge) S Long Jump 2.29.

UNDER-13 GIRLS (9) held at Whitchurch Lower on 18/01/2012: Faye Gibbon (Bryn Hafren) High Jump 1.30; Bridget Waters (Cowbridge) Speed Bounce 78; Niamh Galton (Cowbridge) S Long Jump 2.18; Annabel Birch-Hurst (Stanwell) 6 Laps 80.1; Clare Halligan (Stanwell) 2 Laps 22.9; Stephanie Knight (Stanwell) 4 Laps 52.6.

UNDER-15 BOYS (4) held at YG Glantaf on 08/02/2012: Ellis Rosser (Cowbridge) Speed Bounce 76; George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 2 Laps, SLJ, SP, Overall Pts 21.5, 2.65, 11.75, 300.

UNDER-15 GIRLS (4) held at YG Glantaf on 01/02/2012: Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) 4 Laps 53.3; Izzy Eddy Williams (Cowbridge)

Speed Bounce 79; Lili Evans (Cowbridge) Vertical Jump 53.

Certificates to athletes who competed at the Welsh Sportshall Finals, at Cwmbran Stadium, Sunday, March 4: **UNDER 13 Boys – Team Third – 644 – (13):** Dan Bunney (Cowbridge) Injured after 4x1 relay; Harrison Stevens (Cowbridge) Vertical Jump 48; Will Gale (Stanwell) Standing Triple Jump 6.20; Will Marsh (Stanwell) 6 Laps, Speed B 1:38.7, 74; Tom Collins (Stanwell) Shot (ns) 9.46.

UNDER-13 Girls – Team third – 566 – (13): Faye Gibbon (Bryn Hafren) High Jump 1.25; Bridget Walters (Cowbridge) Speed Bounce 75; Gabby Smith (Cowbridge) 4 Laps, S Triple J 70.1, 5.67; Niamh Galton (Cowbridge) S Long Jump 2.20; Annabel Birch-Hurst (Stanwell) 6 Laps, High Jump 1:34.9, 1.20.

UNDER-15 Boys – Team first – 585 – (6): George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 2L, SLJ, SP, Overall Pts 24.0, 2.81, 12.35, 300.

UNDER-15 Girls – Team second – 624 – (7): Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) 4L, SLJ, SP 59.9, 2.18, 8.45; Izzy Eddy-Williams (Cowbridge) 4L, SLJ, SB 60.0, 2.20, 85; Lili Evans (Cowbridge) 2L, VJ, SB 27.9, 55, 74; Sally Gambling (Cowbridge) 4L, VJ, SB 62.6, 40, 74; Brooke Langton Cryer (ns) (Cowbridge) 2L, SLJ, SP 27.8, 2.10, 6.83.

Certificates to athletes who competed at the UK Sportshall Finals, at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, Saturday, April 21:

UNDER-15 Boys – Team third – 1114 – (6): George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 2L, SLJ, SP 21.2, 2.88, 14.22; Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) 4L, STJ, SP 47.0, 7.94, 11.35.

AWARD OF TRACK AND FIELD

COLOURS to athletes who competed at the Welsh Schools' Championships (a) Combined Events Championships at Newport on June 30: Middle Boys – Under-17 – (100H, HJ, LJ, SP, 800) – 7; first – 5043; Ieuan Orton (Bro Morgannwg) 4 2466; Harri Williams (Bro Morgannwg) 2 2577; Jacob Briscoe (Bro Morgannwg) 6 2148.

Middle Girls – Under-17 – (HJ, LJ, 80H, SP, 800) – 6; first – 5459; Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) 2 2820; Jessica Morgan (Bro Morgannwg) 9 1845; Lili Evans (Cowbridge) 10 1754.

Junior Boys – Under-15 – (LJ, 75H, SP, HJ, 800) – 5; fifth – 3986; Faye Gibbon (Bryn Hafren) 8 2042; Kelsea Peterson (Bro Morgannwg) 22 963; Nia Fenn (Bro Morgannwg) 23 911; Brooke Langton-Cryer (Cowbridge) 11 1944; Niamh Galton (Cowbridge) 20 1446; (b).

National Championships at Brecon on July 2: Senior Boys – st – 111: Matthew Edwards (Barry Comp) 3000 1 9:14.58; Matthew Edwards (Barry Comp) 2000Sc 1 6:36.28; Tom Perry (Bro Morgannwg) Discus 5 28.76; Tom Perry (Bro Morgannwg) Hammer 4 23.48; Anax Da Silva (Cardiff and Vale College) 100 3 11.50; Anax Da Silva (Cardiff and Vale College) 200 1 22.87; Anax Da Silva (Cardiff and Vale College) 200 1 22.76; Bradley Cole (Cardiff and Vale College) Discus 4 35.40; Bradley Cole (Cardiff and Vale College) Hammer 1 50.38; Bradley Cole (Cardiff and Vale College) Javelin 2 56.85; Sam Roberts (Cowbridge) Javelin 6 41.65; Duke Durham (St Cyres) 400 8 64.54; Duke Durham (St Cyres) 110H 5 24.23; Joe Greene (St Cyres) Triple J 2 11.99/3.0; Rory Heslop (St David's College) 2000Sc 4 7:17.23.

Senior Girls – sixth – 47: Bethany Hawkins (Bro Morgannwg) Triple J 4 8.72/5.3; Megan Thomas (Bro Morgannwg) Triple J 5 8.26/2.3; Zoe Stevens (Bro Morgannwg) Long J 6 3.24/3.5; Chloe Phillips (Cardiff and Vale College) Shot 4 7.15 Chloe Phillips (Cardiff and Vale College) Hammer 5 17.62; Chloe Phillips (Cardiff and Vale College) Javelin 6 20.16.

Middle Boys – first – 116: Ieuan Orton (Bro Morgannwg) High Jump 2 1.75; Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 400 Ht 1 53.91; Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 400 Fin 1 51.59; Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 100 Ht 2 11.70/-2.0; Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 100 Fin 3 11.53/-0.6; Dafydd George (Bro Morgannwg) 3000 4 9:28.44; George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 100 Fin DNS; George Griffiths (Cowbridge) Long Jump 4 5.95; Harry Dowell-Bennett (Cowbridge) Discus 4 31.15; Joe Gaughan (Cowbridge) Shot 6 11.45; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) Hammer 2 48.07; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) Javelin 3 46.23; Tom Williams (Stanwell) 200 4 24.12; Cardiff and the Vale 4 x100 2 45.65.

Middle Girls – third – 88: Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) 80H 4 12.95; Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) High Jump 2= 1.55; Erin Hayes (Llantwit Major) 1500 Sc 1 5:49.96; Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit Major) 1500 1 4:38.87; Emily Gillard (St Richard Gwyn) Discus 7 19.67; Emily Gillard (St Richard Gwyn) Javelin 4 30.01; Phoenix Kaged (Stanwell) 4x100 3 51.50; Sophie Boyle (Stanwell) 200 9 31.83.



Sixth form students Fiona Bray (3,000m) and Katie Wynn (800m) received a certificate to mark their victories in the senior championships.

Junior Boys – second – 89: Sion Jones (Bro Morgannwg) Shot 6 10.27; Sion Jones (Bro Morgannwg) Discus 8 19.70; Alex Love (Cowbridge) 800 8 2:21.41; Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) HJ, 4x100 2 1.70; Alex Hill (Llantwit Major) Long jump 2 5.50/2.3; Richard Dangerfield (Llantwit Major) Javelin 2 44.91.

Junior Girls – fifth – 53.5: Catrin Davies (Bro Morgannwg) Pole Vault 3 2.05; Faye Gibbon (Bryn Hafren) 75H, 4 x 100 3 12.92; Seren Allin (Cowbridge) 800 3 2:27.42; Sarah Rogers (St Richard Gwyn) Shot 8 8.20; Sarah Rogers (St Richard Gwyn) Hammer 5 16.45; Cardiff and the Vale 4x100 4 54.08.

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on 02/07/11: (a) Senior Boys: Captain – Bradley Cole (Cardiff and Vale College); (b) Middle Boys: Captain – Matthew Collins (Barry Comprehensive).

AWARD TO ATHLETES WHO GAINED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION: (a) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB Combined Events International at Glasgow, Scotland – December 3, 2011: Under-18 Boys; Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 12 3082 second team.

Under-16 Boys: George Griffiths (Cowbridge) 10 2637 third Team; Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) 12 2479 third team (b) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB Combined Events International at the Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford – July 21, 2012.

Under-17 Boys: Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 400, 4x400 5th – 50.72; Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) High Jump eighth – 1.75; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) Hammer eighth – 47.24; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) Javelin fifth – 45.89.

Under-17 Girls: Annabel Curle (Cowbridge) High Jump eighth – 1.58; Ellie Atkinson (Llantwit) 1500 third – 4:32.71.



Chloe Phillips (Cardiff and Vale College) received her district colours medal for representing Cardiff and the Vale Schools at the Aviva Welsh School national track and field championships.



Cowbridge won the Middle Girls team section in the Cardiff and the Vale Schools championships, and the cup was presented to year-11 pupil Annabel Curle.

Athletics Under-20 team at the Welsh Athletics International at the Cardiff International Sports Stadium – July 18, 2012.

Under 20 Boys: Anax Da Silva (Cardiff and Vale College) 100 6th – 11.35 (-3.1); Matthew Edwards (Barry Comp) 1500 sixth – 4:11.63.

(f) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB Schools' under-17 track and field international at the Julie Rose Stadium, Ashford – July 21, 2012.

Under-17 Boys: Matthew Collins (Barry Comp) 400, 4x400 5th – 50.72; Tom Trotman (Cowbridge) High Jump eighth – 1.75; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) Hammer eighth – 47.24; Matteo Holmes (Stanwell) Javelin fifth – 45.89.

Pupils excel at the schools' skiing championships



The senior netball team.

THE Welsh Schools Championships 2012 were held at Llangrannog Ski Centre on Sunday, October 7.

The school entered five teams – three boys' and two girls' – into the biggest field this competition has seen since its inception!

On a very autumnal sunny day in Llangrannog, the pupils displayed great skill and speed up against some tough competition.

Competing both as individuals and as part of a team of four, they carried out two runs on a slalom course. The two times for each run were combined to give the individual result and the best three times out of four were combined for each run to give the team result.

Ball the pupils acquitted themselves well. Ben Thomas (year-10) came third overall in the boys' event with a time of 19.72 seconds. For the non-registered skiers, Ben Jones came second overall with a time of 22.40 seconds, closely followed by Jamie Griffiths in third with a time of 22.50 seconds!

In the age group events, Hannah Taylor gained a third place in the under-18 non-registered girls' category, while Jamie Griffiths gained a third place in the non-registered boys' category.

In the under-16 non-registered boys' category, Cowbridge took a clean sweep with Ben Jones, Nicky Griffiths and Gabe Newham coming in first, second and third respectively. In the under-14 registered boys' category, Harry Hopkins came first while Henry Jones managed a second place finish in the non-registered category.

Overall in the team standings, the girls' team one (Hannah Taylor, Amy Oliver, Caitlin Jones and Hannah Crosby) came away with an excellent third and team two (Maisie Beech, Cerys Bradshaw, Sophie Harpin and Suzy Jones) a commendable sixth. Both qualified for the British National Championships.

In the boys' event, team two (Ben Jones,

Henry Jones, John Harvey and Gabriel Newham) came in fourth, also qualifying for the British National Championships, while congratulations go to team one (Jamie Griffiths, Nick Griffiths, Ben Thomas and Harry Hopkins), who are Welsh Champions!

Overall, it was a very successful event for Cowbridge; it was very satisfying to see the pupils competing to such a high level and with such a young team it bodes well for the future as the experience of the pupils grow.

CC

Netball season well under way THE senior and year-11 netball teams took on Llantwit at home on Wednesday October 3.

The seniors got off to a flying start with Imogen Harrison at GK, Caitlin Allin at GD and Megan McNamee (year-10) at WD pressuring Llantwit's attack, preventing them from using the ball.

Annabel Curle (year-11) at C and Liz Whitehouse at WA linked well in attack to ensure the ball was readily available on the edge of the circle to feed into Mairi Boxall at GA and Nancie Edwards at GS.

Cowbridge moved ahead to lead 13-0 at half-time.

In the second half, Cowbridge had a change around to prevent complacency and to focus on possession.

Despite playing considerably out of position, the girls played exceptionally well as a team and secured a win with a final score of 21-0. Well done to all the girls. Player of the match went to Mairi Boxall.

The year-11 team got off to a steady start, but it was the Llantwit girls that dominated the first half.

Outstanding defence from Olivia Brown at GD and Sarah Lewis at GK ensured the score remained close, 5-4 at half-time.

In the second half, a newly composed Cowbridge team cut out the unforced errors and capitalised on Llantwit's mistakes.

Kim Jerwood year-10

at GS and Hannah Woodward at GA linked excellently in the attacking circle to gain an advantageous shooting position.

Cowbridge excelled in the second half and secured a well-deserved 12-9 win. Well done to all the girls. Players of the match went to Kim Jerwood and Olivia Brown.

The year-9 netball girls travelled to Stanwell on Tuesday October 2, with the 9A team played first.

As a result of traffic, the Stanwell team had had sufficient time to warm up and were ready and raring to go as we arrived.

The game started steadily with some excellent interceptions from Emma at GK and Ffion Vickers at GD to keep Cowbridge level in the game at half-time. Olivia Jones at GA scored both goals.

Cowbridge were slow to start in the second half and made for too many basic errors. Stanwell moved ahead, scoring the first two goals of the second half and, despite being reigning Vale champions, the Cowbridge girls were rattled with erratic and forced play.

The final score was 6-3 to Stanwell and Cowbridge's girl of the game was Ffion Vickers in defence.

The 9B team began their match in a far more controlled manner and quickly took the lead. Excellent linking play between Cerys Bradshaw at C and Annie Lloyd at WA ensured the ball was readily available to the shooters to capitalise on.

Charlotte Adams at GK and Niamh Jenkins at GD worked tirelessly to keep the ball out of Stanwell's attacking circle, ensuring Cowbridge could maintain their lead.

In the second half, Libby Jenkins came on at GA and immediately made an impact by scoring two consecutive goals for Cowbridge off the first two centres.

Bethan Swallow came on at WD and again asserted herself by claiming an interception off Stanwell's first centre pass.

An excellent team performance saw the

Cowbridge 9B team secure at 6-1 win. Well done girls! Girl of the match went to Katie Phillips at GS.

The year-8 and 9 netball teams faced St Richard Gwyn at home on Thursday October 4.

Due to the sheer enthusiasm and numbers in training we were able to field year-8A, B and C teams and year-9A, B C and D teams. As a result, the decision was made to give all the Cowbridge girls a chance to represent the school, so we played four 10-minute quarters for each year group and rotated the teams so that each pupil got to play for at least 10 minutes in a competitive match.

The year-9 A's got off to a flying start, winning their match 9-1. The B team narrowly lost 1-2, and the C team came out fighting to secure a 3-2 win. The D team battled hard to unfortunately go down 3-7. This gave Cowbridge a combined overall win of 16-12.

A big well done to all the girls involved. Niamh Jenkins was voted as player of the match.

The year-8s got off to an equally solid start, with 8A winning 6-3. 8B also held out for a 3-2 win, but 8C were unfortunately beaten 0-4.

8A resumed the court for the final quarter of the match and again won 6-0. This secured an overall 15-9 win for Cowbridge. Another big well done to all the girls involved. Player of the match went to Emily Forrest.

The year-9 and 10 netball teams then played at home on Wednesday October 10 against Brynteg.

As Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Jones were involved in cross country the same afternoon, Dr Stacey from the science department kindly offered to supervise the game and Jo Wilkins in year-11 and Imogen Harrison in year-13 helped to coach the girls and umpire the match. A big thank you to all three for giving up their time.

The year-9 team played first and got off to a solid start, leading 3-0 at half time. They maintained their lead in the second half and managed to secure a 4-0 win.

The year-10 girls had

a closely-fought battle in the first half, with Brynteg taking the lead to 5-4. In the second half, excellent defence from Yas Evans and Ellie Eddy-Williams kept Cowbridge in the game, but unfortunately Brynteg just had the edge and lead 9-6 at the final whistle. Well done to all the girls who took part.

SD

Big wins in cross country THE first girls' league cross country match was held at Bryn Hafren School recently.

All three teams performed amazingly well and won all three age groups. Well done!

Year-7: Meriel Clode (fourth); Mali Havell (seventh); Jordan Meek (eighth); Emily Jenkins (17th); Aimee Jones (19th); Rachel Anstey (26th); Izzy Kennedy (36th); Caitlin Adams (56th); Eleanor Thorne (65th).

Year 8 and 9: Seren Allen (first); Cerys Bradshaw (seventh); Genevieve Kirk (eighth); Jemma Viney (14th); Nanant Emyr (20th); Libby Jenkins (23rd); Ella Jones (24th); Lowri Morgan (32nd); Sophie Oddy (33rd); Megan Roberts (48th); Jasmine Emery (49th); Selina Radcliff (55th); Annabel Hegarty (91st); Penny Weir (108th).

Seniors: Nadine James (third); Fiona Bray (eighth); Milly Green (13th); Rebecca Thomas (18th); Ella Emry (20th); Tilly Hall (25th); Miriam Bennett (36th); Alice Tudor (38th); Brooke Langton-Cryer (46th); Sally Gambling (55th).

LJ

Year-9 rugby impress THE year-9 rugby squad played out a fantastic game of rugby against Bro Morgannwg but unfortunately came up just short and lost the game 52-42.

Playing with a strong wind advantage in the first half, Cowbridge outside half Cai Evans used some quality kicking skills to keep the Bro team pinned back. Cowbridge took advantage of the territorial domination and built a healthy half-time lead

thanks to tries from Ben Terry, Dan Bunney, Cai Evans and Tom Edwards. Playing into the wind in the second half was difficult for Cowbridge and Bro took full advantage when they clawed back some tries late into the second half. Despite some great defence from Sean Davies and Dewi Bennett, Bro ran out winners in a quality game of rugby.

Training will now take place every Thursday lunchtime and after school for year-9. The club will be open to every pupil so please come along and have a go.



Cowbridge boys' skiing team one - Welsh Champions 2012.



The year-7 cross country team.

half, and kept on going until he reached the end zone. What a try 'Forrest'!

Well done year-8, you showed your class and definite ability in rugby once again, and came away with the win. Make sure you all attend training on Tuesday after school and Thursday lunchtimes.

SD

Resounding victory ON October 5, the year-8 football team played Michaelston in the first round of the Cardiff and Vale Cup.

Instantly, Cowbridge went on the offensive, with Moses Gee, Jac Roberts and Liam Murphy linking neatly along the right-hand touchline. A goal was scored inside two minutes, with Oliver Cooper making a trademark run, zig-zagging through the defence.

Ollie advanced inside the box and supplied a perfect pass to Rhys Bradshaw, who coolly slotted the ball into the net.

From this moment on, Cowbridge continued to exert the pressure on Michaelston. The second goal was scored by Rhyddian Williams, again assisted by Ollie.

The next goal came on the 10 minute mark. A ball was played through to Rhys Bradshaw, who unselfishly passed the ball to Ollie to smash the ball into the back of the net. The last goal of the

half was scored by Lawrence, who passed the ball into the net from the edge of the box, nicely set up by Rhyddian.

The first half ended 4-0 to Cowbridge.

Cowbridge scored again within five minutes, Rhys supplying a looping header over the goal-keeper and into the top corner.

With Oliver Cooper in fine form, it was inevitable that more goals were going to come from him. Moses cut back inside, played an outstanding through ball to Oliver in space, and he tucked the ball away, curling it into the bottom right corner.

Ollie then rounded off his hat-trick by striking a left-footed shot, hitting the post and rebounding into the goal.

Patiently Cowbridge waited until the time was right, and Louis slotted the ball home.

The game was then rounded off by another hat-trick goal by Rhys Bradshaw.

Well done year-8. The defensive unit of Shaun Carpenter, Bevan Howell, Jac Roberts and Dylan Cottle kept the Michaelston attack so quiet. An excellent performance, and the 9-0 scoreline highlights your superb team performance.

See you all on Tuesdays for training! Players of the match: Oliver Cooper and Rhys Bradshaw.

SD

Gymnasts shine at event



FIFTEEN Barry YMCA gymnasts had a fun and successful outing at the South Central Gymnastics Championships.

Competing against clubs from Bridgend, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Rhondda Cynon Taff and the Vale, the gymnasts enjoyed the competition that was held at the Valleys Gymnastics Academy.

The eight/nine years gymnasts competed first and they made a great start to the day for the Barry club. Erin Gamble (eight) danced her way to second place on floor and also climbed onto the podium to receive her trophy for taking 2nd place overall.

Bria Karim (eight) powered her way to first place when she performed an excellent

vault, and she also claimed a ribbon for placing fourth overall.

Dee Clarke (nine) demonstrated her strength on bars claiming second position and also claimed a ribbon for placing fifth overall.

Erin, Bria and Dee added to their tally when they placed second in the team event along with Evie Wong (eight).

Caitlin Meadows (nine), Seren Williams (nine) and Tania Ferguson (eight) also competed in this age group and all successfully completed a number of new skills.

Four Barry gymnasts represented the club in the 10/11 years category. The team of Chloe Gabb (10), Kelsey Cross (10), Tesni Gardiner (10) and Zoe Arnold (11) climbed to the top of the podium when they claimed the team title.

Tesni had another two visits to the podium when she tumbled her way to third place on floor and overall.

Kelsey also got to climb back onto the podium when she showed a rock steady performance on beam to place third place.

Catrin Long (12), Chloe Sullivan (12), Ellice Stockford (12) and Seren Mirza Davies (12) finished off an enjoyable day for the club in the 12/13 years category. They mirrored the success of their younger clubmates by claiming the team title.

Catrin also experienced individual success gaining a third place on beam and a fourth place ribbon in the overall category.

Following their successful performances Bria, Catrin, Dee, Erin and Tesni all gained selection to represent the South Central area at the forthcoming Welsh finals. Good luck to the five gymnasts.

Congratulations to all the gymnasts who competed at the area event. A huge thanks must be sent to the Barry YMCA coaches and helpers who dedicate their time to the club - Aimee McCarthy, Charlotte Gabb, Olivia Parry, Karen Davies, Leanne Jones, Rachel Shepherd, Sarah Arnold and Stacey Webb.

To find out more, contact 01446 724000.

KD

Chess team earn fine win

DESPITE missing their strongest player who is out of action until the new year, the Vale chess team scored what will become a famous victory over rivals Cardiff in the first weekend of this year's Welsh Chess Premier League.

Played on Sunday at Barry's West End Club the Vale team was outgraded by a strong Cardiff team boasting two Welsh internationals and the current Welsh under-20 champion.

In a match with five drawn games the decisive victory came from young Ben Thomas of Penarth who smashed through the defences of his higher graded opponent to deliver checkmate in 22 moves.

Ben's older brother James also had a winning position but in a fine example of 'putting the team first' he offered his opponent a draw so as to take the match score past the winning line.

Earlier in the day the team captain, seeing how

well the Thomas Boys were doing, agreed a draw and effectively took up the role of non-playing captain.

Top board, Steve Cunliffe held on magnificently for a draw after a complex struggle against Cardiff's best player, Walter Braun from Austria.

Joe Turner on board two came back from a pawn down to draw against his Welsh international opponent, and on board three, Nigel Ralphs even had winning chances before placing his opponent in a position where he had no choice but to ask for a draw.

So, a superb victory for the Vale has dealt a severe blow to Cardiff's chances of qualifying for Europe this year and the Vale team can move on with pride and confidence to their next game away at Abergavenny.

The Barry Chess Club meets each Monday at their home venue of The West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY with matches starting at 7.30pm. New players of all ages and standards are welcomed.

PJ

'100 years of Barry Town' celebrated next month

THE Barry Town Supporters Committee has confirmed details of its '100 Years of Barry Town' celebration event, to take place at the Angel Hotel in Cardiff on Friday, November 16 (7.30pm).

Attendees will be met on arrival by a special '100 Years of Barry Town' exhibition of memories and memorabilia - with old match-worn shirts, international caps, vintage programmes, trophies, pennants, classic photographs and more on show.

They will then be treated to a lavish three-course meal, interspersed with specially-made film footage documenting memorable Barry Town matches and goals from across a century of football.

The BTSC is extending an open invita-

tion to anyone who played for or managed a Barry Town side in the past 100 years to come and celebrate this milestone occasion. A number of players and coaches have already confirmed their attendance.

There will be photo opportunities with many of the footballers present, and supporters old and new are welcome to come and meet their heroes of yesteryear.

An added attraction to the evening will be the former Manchester United, Rangers, AC Milan and England midfielder Ray Wilkins.

Recently on the management team at Chelsea and a renowned Sky Sports pundit, Wilkins will be speaking at length about his career and fielding questions from the audience.

The glittering event will also play host to

a sporting auction, with proceeds helping the non-profit, BTSC community enterprise to preserve Barry Town football into its second century.

Tickets for the event are on sale now at £40 per head, or £400 for a table of 10.

Call David Cole on 07557 665 847 to book, e-mail: Barry100@LIVE.com or buy online via:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/BarryTownSC.

Rooms at the Angel Hotel have been reserved by the BTSC and attendees are welcome to make contact via these channels if they would like to secure one at a special rate.

With almost 100 seats sold, supporters, friends and former Barry Town players are urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

SPONSOR FOR BARRY CELTS

BARRY Celts AFC under-12 football team have a new kit for their first season at 11-a-side which has been kindly sponsored by Les's Barbershop in Wyndham Street, Barry.

Pictured right are the team, coach David Hayes-Knight, and Les Mason, owner of Les's Barbershop, which has been cutting hair since being established in 2010 and specialises in cutting any design or pattern required.

Les said it is always nice to put something back into local clubs, especially when a member of the family has been playing for the club since 2006.

The club are always looking for players to join and our aim is to provide a fun and fair base for all players to enjoy playing football and to get an equal opportunity on the field.

Anyone interested should contact Martin Bradshaw on 07900 327860.

MB



RHOOSE UNDER-9S ARE LOOKING 'COOL'!



LEFT: Rhooose FC under-9s are pictured above with their coach Paul Humphry. They would like to thank their sponsors Cool 2 U mobile air conditioning - the boys certainly look 'Cool' in their new kit!

Local table tennis success

A VETERAN table tennis player from Barry recently won three gold medals at the six nations veteran tournament, held at the Welsh Institute of Sport Cardiff.

George Evans, who is the coach at the Cwm Talwg Community Hall and a former Welsh international player, was really pleased to win the team event for the first time, as although he had often beaten the strong English players, it was

the first time that his back up, Roger Thomas, Pontypridd and Dennis Bromage, Swansea, provided the help to beat the 'old enemy' England.

George has won many titles throughout his playing career, including a European gold medal in Bratislava.

Two young players from the Cwm Talwg Club recently competed in their first tournaments.

E Morgan finished a credible fifth in the seven-year-old category and R Evans was runner up in the under-9s event.

CALLING ALL CLUB OFFICIALS!

The GEM want to hear from you with your club's news, match reports and other items of interest.

Email us at:

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